

# NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

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## Nebraska Football Notables

- ▶ Five national championships (1970, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1997)
- ▶ 43 conference championships
- ▶ Three Heisman trophies, eight Outland trophies, four Lombardi awards
- ▶ 103 All-Americans
- ▶ Nation-leading 76 academic All-Americans
- ▶ NCAA-record 259 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 41 consecutive winning regular seasons
- ▶ 34 consecutive bowl appearances--NCAA record
- ▶ 41 all-time bowl appearances--fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 99-5 home record in last 16 seasons

## This Week in Husker Football

### Monday, Oct. 6

11:50 a.m. .... Coach Solich on Big 12 Teleconference  
 Noon... Extra Point Club Luncheon (C. Pelini/D. McLaughlin)  
 3:30 p.m. .... Practice

### Tuesday, Oct. 7

#### Weekly Press Conference

11 a.m. .... NU Volleyball Coach John Cook  
 11:15 a.m. .... Lunch  
 11:40 a.m. .... Nebraska Coordinators  
 Noon..... Head Coach Frank Solich  
 12:30-1:30 p.m. .... Player Interviews  
 3:30 p.m. .... Practice

### Wednesday, Oct. 8

3:30 p.m. .... Practice (Final player interviews)

### Thursday, Oct. 9

3:30 p.m. .... Practice

### Friday, Oct. 10

Nebraska Departs for Missouri ..... TBA  
 Nebraska Walk-Thru ..... TBA  
 Missouri Walk-Thru ..... TBA

### Saturday, Oct. 11

Nebraska at Missouri ..... 6:10 p.m. (TBS)

## Game 6--No. 10/7 Nebraska (5-0, 1-0) at Missouri (4-1, 0-1)

Date: Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003 Time: 6:10 p.m. (CDT) Site: Columbia, Mo.  
 Stadium: Memorial Stadium Field: Faurot Field Surface: FieldTurf (2003)  
 Capacity: 68,349

Nebraska Radio: (Jim Rose--Play-by-Play; Adrian Fiala--Analyst; Gary Sharp--Sideline; Randy Lee--Booth, Pregame); 57-station Pinnacle Sports Network  
 Internet: Live Radio on Huskers.com

TV: TBS, National (Ron Thulin-Play-by-Play; Charles Davis-Color; Craig Sager, Erin Andrews-Sideline)

## Huskers Resume Big 12 Play at Missouri

Nebraska completed a perfect non-conference season with a shutout of Troy State last Saturday in Lincoln and now the 5-0 Huskers return to Big 12 Conference action. Six weeks after opening conference play at home against Oklahoma State, Nebraska gets back into league play on the road at 4-1 Missouri. Saturday's game at MU's Faurot Field is set for a 6:10 p.m. kickoff with the contest televised nationally on TBS.

Nebraska's 30-0 victory over Troy State marked the Huskers' first shutout in nearly three seasons and continued the early-season domination by the Husker defense. The nation's top-ranked defense will now face a stern test at Missouri against a high-powered Tiger offense led by talented sophomore quarterback Brad Smith. The game is a key road test for the Huskers, as they look to continue to set the early pace in a wide open Big 12 North race.

Missouri comes into Saturday night's game with a 4-1 record, including an 0-1 mark in Big 12 Conference play. The Tigers opened the year with four straight non-conference victories, before a 35-14 setback in their Big 12 opener at Kansas on Sept. 27. The Tigers had entered both national polls before the loss at Kansas.

A Husker victory on Saturday would push Nebraska to 6-0 on the year and 2-0 in Big 12 Conference action. NU opened the season with a 17-7 victory over then No. 24 Oklahoma State on Aug. 30 to take the early lead in the North Division race. A win over Missouri would mark the fourth time in Frank Solich's six seasons Nebraska has opened with a 2-0 Big 12 record and the fifth time in six years NU has won its first league game away from Lincoln.

Nebraska's victory over Troy State allowed the Huskers to continue their rise in the national polls. The Huskers moved up one spot to seventh in this week's ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and jumped two spots to 10th in the Associated Press Poll. NU's AP top 10 ranking is its first since before the Penn State game last season (Sept. 8 poll).

## Nebraska Blanks Troy State to Improve to 5-0

The nation's top-ranked defense controlled the game from start to finish as Nebraska posted its first shutout in three seasons with a 30-0 victory over Troy State before a sellout crowd on Saturday afternoon in Lincoln. The Blackshirts limited Troy State to just 150 yards of total offense, forced four turnovers and allowed the Trojans to snap the ball in Nebraska territory just three times all day.

Nebraska opened the scoring late in the first quarter on David Dyches' 10th field goal of the season from 40 yards out. In the second quarter, the Husker defense continued to set the tone for the game, forcing Trojan turnovers on three consecutive possessions. The first turnover was sophomore free safety Josh Bullocks' fifth interception in five games this season, while the following two TSU turnovers were the result of fumbles on quarterback sacks. The Huskers failed to convert the first two Trojan miscues into scores, but after Fabian Washington recovered a

## 2003 Nebraska Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site)/Notes
Sat.	Aug. 30	Oklahoma State#	W, 17-7	ABC	NU 36-3-1	NU's 18th straight season-opening win/Defense holds OSU to 183 total yards
Sat.	Sept. 6	Utah State	W, 31-7	FSN	NU 8-0	NU improves to 8-0 all-time in series; Williams 3 sacks, 2 fumbles caused
Sat.	Sept. 13	Penn State	W, 18-10	ABC	PSU 7-6	Davis rushes for career-high 179 yards; NU defense shuts out Lions in 2nd half
Thurs.	Sept. 25	at Southern Miss	W, 38-14	ESPN	NU 2-0	Huskers force five turnovers for second time in '03; Lord two 40-yard plus TD passes
Sat.	Oct. 4	Troy State	W, 30-0		NU 3-0	Blackshirts pitch first shutout since Oct. 2000; NU perfect in non-conference play
Sat.	Oct. 11	at Missouri#	6:10 p.m.	TBS	NU, 61-32-3	NU, 24-13, 2002 (Lincoln)/Huskers have won 13 straight vs. MU in Columbia
Sat.	Oct. 18	Texas A&M# (HC)	TBA		NU, 8-2	NU, 38-31, 2002 (College Station)/17-point comeback in 2002 tied NU's largest
Sat.	Oct. 25	Iowa State#	TBA		NU, 80-15-2	ISU, 36-14, 2002 (Ames)/NU 48-plus points in last five meetings in Lincoln
Sat.	Nov. 1	at Texas#	TBA		UT 5-4	UT, 27-24, 2002 (Lincoln)/Two meetings in Austin decided by total of five points
Sat.	Nov. 8	at Kansas# (HC)	TBA		NU 85-21-3	NU, 45-7, 2002 (Lincoln)/24 of last 27 Nebraska wins by 28 points or more
Sat.	Nov. 15	Kansas State#	TBA		NU 72-13-2	KSU, 49-13, 2002 (Manhattan)/NU winners of 17 straight vs. KSU in Lincoln
Fri.	Nov. 28	at Colorado#	11 a.m.	ABC	NU 43-16-2	CU, 28-13, 2002 (Lincoln)/Five of last seven in Boulder decided by six points or less
Sat.	Dec. 6	Big 12 Champ. Game	7 p.m.	ABC		Nebraska has appeared in three of first seven games, most recently 1999 vs. Texas

All times Central and subject to change; # Big 12 Conference games

**2003 Polls****Associated Press (Oct. 6)**

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Oklahoma (59)	5-0	1,617
2.	Miami (1)	5-0	1,523
3.	Ohio State (5)	5-0	1,457
4.	Virginia Tech	5-0	1,407
5.	Florida State	5-0	1,381
6.	LSU	5-0	1,356
7.	Arkansas	4-0	1,192
8.	Georgia	4-1	1,090
9.	USC	4-1	1,085
10.	Nebraska	5-0	1,032
11.	Texas*	4-1	997
12.	Washington State	5-1	874
13.	Tennessee	4-1	765
14.	Iowa	5-1	705
15.	Pittsburgh	3-1	685
16.	Northern Illinois	5-0	592
17.	Minnesota	6-0	567
18.	Purdue	4-1	500
18.	TCU	5-0	500
20.	Michigan	4-2	415
21.	Michigan State	5-1	342
22.	Kansas State*	4-2	218
23.	Wisconsin	5-1	131
24.	Oregon State	5-1	100
25.	Virginia	4-1	98

**ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (Oct. 6)**

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Oklahoma (53)	5-0	1,560
2.	Miami (4)	5-0	1,491
3.	Ohio State (6)	5-0	1,435
4.	Virginia Tech	5-0	1,385
5.	Florida State	5-0	1,332
6.	LSU	5-0	1,270
7.	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>1,136</b>
8.	Arkansas	4-0	1,084
9.	USC	4-1	1,016
10.	Georgia	4-1	1,009
11.	Texas*	4-1	967
12.	Washington State	5-1	798
13.	Minnesota	6-0	706
14.	Tennessee	4-1	704
15.	Iowa	5-1	693
16.	Pittsburgh	3-1	564
17.	TCU	5-0	446
18.	Northern Illinois	5-0	438
19.	Michigan	4-2	411
20.	Purdue	4-1	398
21.	Kansas State*	4-2	320
22.	Wisconsin	5-1	278
23.	Michigan State	5-1	208
24.	Virginia	4-1	154
25.	Oregon State	5-1	129

\* -Denotes 2003 NU opponent

**Huskers in the 2003 Polls**

Date	A	C	B	Results
Pre.	RV	RV	NA	
8-25	---	RV	NA	def. OSU, 17-7
9-1	23	24	NA	def. Utah State, 31-7
9-8	18	18	NA	def. Penn State, 18-10
9-15	15	15	NA	idle
9-22	15	11	NA	def. Southern Miss, 38-14
9-29	12	8	NA	def. Troy State, 30-0
10-5	10	7	NA	

a=Associated Press; C-Coaches; B-BCS

fumble at the TSU 21, the Huskers took just four plays to convert the score into a touchdown on a 1-yard **Jammal Lord** run, giving the Huskers a 10-0 lead they carried into halftime.

Nebraska committed a pair of turnovers on its first three drives of the second half, but then got its offense untracked. Lord hit tight end **Matt Herian** with a 77-yard pass to the Troy State 3 and I-back **Cory Ross** scored one play later to give the Huskers a 17-0 lead with 5:18 left in the third quarter. The Huskers extended their lead on their next possession, marching 49 yards in six plays with Lord finishing the drive with his second TD run of the day from six yards out. The extra point failed, leaving the NU lead at 23-0. Nebraska capped the day's scoring behind a drive led by No. 2 quarterback **Joe Dailey**, who hit Herian on a 21-yard scoring strike to account for the final margin. The catch gave Herian Nebraska's first 100-yard receiving day since 2001 with three receptions for 110 yards. The Blackshirts held Troy State in check on its final three drives, preserving NU's first shutout since a 59-0 blanking of Baylor on Oct. 21, 2000.

**Recapping Game Five...Nebraska 30, Troy State 0**

▶ Nebraska improved to 5-0 for the sixth time in the past seven seasons and fifth time in six years under Frank Solich. Solich picked up his 54th win in 70 games as Nebraska's head coach (54-16).

▶ Nebraska completed non-conference play undefeated for the fifth time in six seasons under Frank Solich and the 10th time since 1990. The win over Troy State was NU's 35th straight home non-conference victory. Solich is 22-1 in regular-season games against non-conference opponents.

▶ The 30-0 shutout of Troy State marked Nebraska's first shutout since a 59-0 whitewash of Baylor on Oct. 21, 2000. It is the fifth shutout in Solich's tenure as head coach.

▶ Nebraska forced four Troy State turnovers including two interceptions and two fumbles. The Blackshirts forced Troy State turnovers on three straight second-quarter possessions. It marked the third time in five games this season Nebraska has forced four or more turnovers. The Huskers have forced 19 turnovers in the first five games this season after causing just 21 opponent turnovers in 14 games last season.

▶ NU has converted opponent turnovers into 54 points this season. A year ago, opponent turnovers led to just 48 NU points in 14 games.

▶ Sophomore free safety **Josh Bullocks** intercepted his fifth pass in five games this season. Bullocks, who is tied for the nation's lead in interceptions per game, moved into a tie for seventh on the NU single-season interception list with his fifth pick. He is just two interceptions shy of tying Nebraska's season interception record.

▶ Senior linebacker **Demorrio Williams** continued to torment opponents. Williams recorded 1 1/2 sacks in the game and finished the game with 13 total tackles.

▶ The Nebraska defense recorded a season-high six sacks for 42

yards in losses against the Trojans. In addition to Williams, senior defensive **Trevor Johnson** had two sacks, while linebacker **Barrett Ruud** and cornerback **Kellen Huston** each had one sack.

▶ Nebraska again held a large field position advantage, with its average drive starting on its own 45, 18 yards better than Troy State's average starting position. In the first half, of the 61 plays run from scrimmage by both teams, 57 took place on Troy State's side of the field and Troy State did not snap the ball on NU's side of the field until 9:15 remained in the third quarter. The Trojans ran just three plays on NU's side of the field the entire game.

▶ The Blackshirt defense held Troy State to 66 yards rushing, 84 passing yards and 150 yards of total offense, the fewest yards allowed by NU this season. The defense still has not allowed any points in the third quarter this season, and has allowed just seven points total in the second half. The Nebraska defense forced three and out or better (causing a turnover) on 10-of-16 Troy State drives (not counting 1-play drive to end game).

▶ Nebraska tight end **Matt Herian** had three receptions for 110 yards and a touchdown against Troy State. Herian's TD came on a 21-yard reception from **Joe Dailey**, and he also had a 77-yard reception from **Jammal Lord** to set up a Husker touchdown one play later. Herian has had at least one catch in eight straight games and has multiple catches in three games this season. His 110 receiving yards were a career-best and the first 100-yard effort by a Husker receiver since Wilson Thomas had 109 yards at Colorado on Nov. 23, 2001. Herian's 110 yards were the most by a Husker tight end since Tracey Wistrom had 4-116 vs. Oklahoma State in 1999.

▶ **Jammal Lord** passed for a season-high 135 yards by connecting on 7-of-12 attempts and hit **Matt Herian** on a 77-yard pass, the longest NU play from scrimmage this season. Lord also rushed 14 times for 72 yards and two touchdowns. Lord now has 2,025 career passing yards, and moved up to 11th on the NU career passing chart. He passed Tommie Frazier on NU's career rushing list and is now 24th with 1,965 career yards.

▶ Punter **Kyle Larson** punted three times in the game, with all three pinning TSU inside its own 20. Larson tied his career long with a 71-yard punt. He has three punts of 60 yards or longer in the last three weeks.

▶ Sophomore wide receiver **Mark LeFlore** had a career-best three catches for 14 yards. **Ross Pilkington** extended his streak of games with at least one catch to six with one reception for 20 yards.

**NU-Troy State Stat Wrap**

Team Stats	TSU	NU
First Downs	10	15
Rushes-Yards	37-66	47-186
Passes	23-11-2	15-9-1
Passing Yards	84	160
Total Offense	150	346
Sacks/Yds	0/0	6/42
Turnovers	4	3

**NU Rushing Leaders**

Jammal Lord—14 carries, 72 yards, 2 TD  
Josh Davis—9 carries, 38 yards

**NU Passing Leader**

Jammal Lord—12-7-1, 135 yards

**NU Receiving Leader**

Matt Herian—3 receptions, 110 yards, 1 TD

**NU Defensive Leaders**

Demorrio Williams—13 tackles, 1 1/2 sacks  
Daniel Bullocks—6 tackles, 2 TFL  
Josh Bullocks—3 tackles, fifth INT of season

## 2003 Big 12 Standings

### North Division

Team	Records		Next Game
	Overall	Big 12	
Nebraska	5-0	1-0	at Missouri 10/11
Kansas	4-1	1-0	at Colorado 10/11
Kansas St.	4-2	0-1	at Oklahoma St. 10/11
Iowa State	2-3	0-1	at Texas Tech 10/11
Colorado	2-3	0-1	Kansas 10/11
<b>Missouri</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>Nebraska 10/11</b>

### South Division

Oklahoma	5-0	1-0	Texas 10/11
Texas	4-1	1-0	Oklahoma 10/11
Texas Tech	4-1	1-0	Iowa State 10/11
Baylor	3-2	1-0	at Texas A&M 10/11
Okla. St.	4-1	0-1	Kansas State 10/11
Texas A&M	2-3	0-1	Baylor 10/11

### 2003 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record-Next Game
Utah State	1-4-Wyoming 10/11
Penn State	2-4-At Purdue 10/11
Southern Miss	3-2-At Alabama 10/11
Troy State	3-3-Fla. International 10/18

### Last Week's Results

Baylor def. Colorado, 42-30  
 Texas def. Kansas State, 24-20  
 Oklahoma def. Iowa State, 53-7  
 Texas Tech def. Texas A&M, 59-28  
 Oklahoma State def. La.-Lafayette, 56-3  
 New Mexico def. Utah State, 34-7  
 Wisconsin def. Penn State, 30-23  
 Southern Miss def. Cincinnati, 22-20

## 2003 Missouri Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
8/30	vs. Illinois	W, 22-15
9/6	at Ball State	W, 35-7
9/13	Eastern Illinois	W, 37-0
9/20	Middle Tennessee	W, 41-40 (OT)
9/27	at Kansas	L, 35-14
<b>10/11</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>6:10 p.m.</b>
10/18	at Oklahoma	TBA
10/25	Texas Tech	TBA
11/8	at Colorado	TBA
11/15	Texas A&M	TBA
11/22	at Kansas State	TBA
11/29	Iowa State	Noon

### NU-Missouri Series Notes

- ▶ This year's game marks the 35th time in 36 seasons Nebraska has been ranked entering the Missouri game, with 2002 being the lone exception.
- ▶ An unranked Missouri team has defeated a Nebraska team ranked in the top 10 three times in series history, most recently in 1978.
- ▶ Nebraska has averaged 40.8 points in its last four visits to Columbia, outscoring Missouri by a cumulative total of 163-58 in those four games.
- ▶ The Huskers have limited Missouri to 13 points or fewer in eight of the past 10 meetings between the schools. Offensively, NU has scored 36 or more points in eight of the last 10 meetings.

### NU-Missouri Ties

- ▶ Nebraska has just one player on its roster from the state of Missouri—sophomore defensive lineman Jared Helming of Springfield, Mo.
- ▶ Former Husker linebacker and 1994 Butkus Award finalist Ed Stewart is in his fifth year as an associate athletic director at Missouri.

## Scouting Missouri



Missouri enters the matchup with Nebraska with a 4-1 overall mark and an 0-1 record in Big 12 Conference play. The Tigers began the year with four consecutive victories, before a 35-14 loss at Kansas on Sept. 27. Mizzou was idle last weekend before taking on the Huskers this Saturday in Columbia.

The Tiger offense is paced by a strong rushing attack that averages 212.4 yards per game to rank fourth in the Big 12 and 13th nationally. Senior running back Zack Abbron leads the Mizzou ground attack, averaging 96.0 yards per game, including consecutive 100-yard efforts in the Tigers' last two games. Abbron averages 5.3 yards per carry and has scored six touchdowns.

Sophomore quarterback Brad Smith is a dual-threat for Missouri. Smith has rushed for 387 yards and three touchdowns this fall and averages nearly six yards per carry. He has recorded a pair of 100-yard games early in the season and ranks first nationally in rushing among quarterbacks. Smith also has an extremely accurate arm, having completed 66.9 percent (83-of-124) of his passes this fall. He has thrown for 704 yards and eight touchdowns, and has yet to throw an interception in 2003, putting him in the top 40 nationally in passing efficiency. A pair of wideouts have stood out as Smith's favorite targets. Junior Thomson Omboga has 21 receptions for 216 yards and a touchdown, while senior Darius Outlaw also has 21 catches for 128 yards, including four touchdowns. Abbron has caught 15 passes out of the Tiger backfield.

Defensively, MU has allowed an average of 335.4 yards per game to rank sixth in the Big 12. The Tigers were very tough against the run in the first three games, but their last two opponents—Middle Tennessee and Kansas—have averaged better than 200 yards rushing. MU is allowing 127.8 yards on the ground and 207.6 yards passing per contest for the year.

Junior linebacker James Kinney leads the Tiger defense in tackles with 65 total stops, including 37 unassisted tackles. Senior linebacker Brandon Barnes has seven tackles for loss among his 56 total tackles, while junior defensive back Nino Williams has 43 tackles and three pass breakups. Mizzou place-kicker Mike Matheny has hit on 3-of-4 field goals and 16-of-18 PATs to open the season, while junior Brock Harvey is averaging 38.6 yards per punt. Punt returner Marcus James ranks among the Big 12's best, averaging 12.1 yards on 14 returns this season.

### Missouri Coach Gary Pinkel

Gary Pinkel is in his third season as the head coach at Missouri and his 13th season overall as a collegiate head coach. Pinkel has a 13-15 record with the Tigers and an 86-52-3 (.621) overall record as a head man. Pinkel was the head coach for 10 seasons at Toledo before taking over in Columbia. He has guided the Tigers to 4-7 and 5-7 records in his first two years at Missouri. Pinkel is 0-2 against Nebraska and Frank Solich, 0-1 against the Huskers in Columbia.

## Nebraska-Missouri Series...NU leads, 61-32-3

Nebraska holds a commanding 61-32-3 edge in the all-time series between the two schools, largely on the strength of the Huskers' current 24-game win streak in the series. Missouri's last victory over Nebraska was a 35-31 upset of the second-ranked Huskers in Lincoln in 1978. After that game, Nebraska held a 37-32-3 edge in the series, but has significantly extended its lead with the current win streak.

Missouri will be gunning for its first victory against Nebraska at Faurot Field since a 13-12 win over the No. 2 Huskers in 1973, Tom Osborne's first season as Nebraska head coach. Since that game, Nebraska has won 11 straight games over Missouri in Columbia, including six by three touchdowns or more.

Last season in Lincoln, Nebraska extended its winning streak over the Tigers in a hard-fought battle. The Husker defense shined in the game, holding the high-powered Missouri offense to just 220 total yards, including just 28 yards and two first downs in the second half. Missouri opened a 13-7 lead midway through the second quarter, but Nebraska responded with a touchdown just before half to take a 14-13 advantage into the locker room.

Nebraska took a 21-13 edge on an 89-yard punt return by DeJuan Groce midway through the third quarter and added a Josh Brown field goal in the fourth for the final margin. Nebraska picked up 325 yards rushing in the game, including 98 yards by quarterback Jammal Lord. The Huskers controlled the clock, with nearly 33 minutes of possession time, including 20:20 in the second half.

## Nebraska-Missouri Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (5-0, 1-0)			Missouri (4-1, 0-1)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.
<b>Rushing Offense</b>	<b>241.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>212.4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Passing Offense</b>	110.8	12	114	163.0	11	104
<b>Total Offense</b>	351.8	11	78	375.4	9	63
<b>Scoring Offense</b>	26.8	8	56	29.8	7	37
<b>Rushing Defense</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	127.8	5	42
<b>Pass Defense</b>	<b>145.8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	207.6	9	56
<b>Pass Efficiency Defense</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	123.18	8	72
<b>Total Defense</b>	<b>218.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	335.4	6	44
<b>Scoring Defense</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	19.4	6	35
<b>Net Punting</b>	38.6	4	27	32.1	12	105
<b>Punt Returns</b>	10.8	7	39	<b>13.1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Kickoff Returns</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	19.4	11	80
<b>Turnover Margin</b>	<b>+1.8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	+0.8	4	29

### Last Year in Lincoln...

#### NU 24, Missouri 13

Team Stats	MU	NU
First Downs	11	20
Rushes-Yards	30-97	62-325
Passes	29-14-0	12-4-0
Passing Yards	123	34
Total Offense	220	359
Return Yards	29	225
Time of Possession	27:02	32:58

#### NU Rushing Leaders

Jammal Lord—17 carries, 98 yards  
 David Horne—20 carries, 88 yards, 1 TD

#### NU Passing Leader

Jammal Lord—12-4-0, 34 yards, 1 TD

#### NU Receiving Leader

Ross Pilkington—1 reception, 17 yards

#### NU Defensive Leaders

Barrett Ruud—7 tackles  
 Trevor Johnson—7 tackles, 1 sack  
 DeJuan Groce—4 tackles, TFL, punt return TD

**Solich Year-by-Year**

Year	Record	Pct	Conf.	Bowl	Rank
1998	9-4	.692	5-3	Holiday	19/20
1999	12-1	.923	7-1#	Fiesta	3/2
2000	10-2	.833	6-2	Alamo	8/7
2001	11-2	.846	7-1	Rose	8/7
2002	7-7	.500	3-5	Indepen.	NR/NR
2003	5-0	1.000	1-0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>54-16</b>	<b>.771</b>	<b>29-12</b>	<b>Five</b>	

#-Won Big 12 Championship  
Final national rank listed AP/Coaches

**Solich vs. Ranked AP Teams (11-12)**

Date	Opponent	Site	Rank	Result
NU/Opp.				
<b>1998</b>				
9/26	Washington	Home	2/9	W 55-7
10/10	Texas A&M	Away	2/18	L 21-28
10/24	Missouri	Home	7/19	W 20-13
11/14	Kansas St.	Away	11/2	L 30-40
12/30	Arizona	Holiday	14/5	L 20-23
<b>1999</b>				
10/23	Texas	Away	3/18	L 20-24
11/6	Texas A&M	Home	9/21	W 37-0
11/13	Kansas St.	Home	7/5	W 41-15
12/4	Texas	Big 12	3/12	W 22-6
1/2	Tennessee	Fiesta	3/6	W 31-21
<b>2000</b>				
9/9	Notre Dame	Away	1/23	W 27-24OT
10/28	Oklahoma	Away	1/3	L 14-31
11/18	Kansas St.	Away	4/16	L 28-29
12/30	Northwestern	Alamo	9/18	W 66-17
<b>2001</b>				
9/8	Notre Dame	Home	4/17	W 27-10
10/27	Oklahoma	Home	3/2	W 20-10
11/23	Colorado	Away	2/14	L 36-62
1/3	Miami	Rose	4/1	L 14-37
<b>2002</b>				
9/28	Iowa State	Away	20/19	L 14-36
11/2	Texas	Home	--/7	L 24-27
11/16	Kansas State	Away	--/11	L 13-49
11/29	Colorado	Home	--/13	L 13-28
<b>2003</b>				
8/30	Okla. State	Home	--/24	W 17-7

**Solich Superlatives**

Overall .....	54-16
vs. AP Ranked Teams .....	11-12
vs. AP Top 10 Teams .....	4-5
vs. Unranked Teams .....	43-4
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	30-12
When Rushing for 300 Yards .....	28-2
When Rushing for 400 Yards .....	11-0
When Rushing for 500 Yards .....	2-0
When Rushing for 600 Yards .....	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards .....	34-9
Multiple 100-yd. NU Rushers in a Game .....	14-0
When Opp. has 100 Yd. Rusher .....	8-10
When Scoring 35 or More Points .....	33-1
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less .....	25-0
When Nebraska scores first .....	42-6
When Nebraska leads at halftime .....	44-6
When Nebraska trails at halftime .....	7-10
When Nebraska is tied at halftime .....	3-0
Record in games decided by 10 or less .....	16-9
Record in games decided by 7 or less .....	9-8
Record in games decided by 3 or less .....	4-4

**Individual Honors**

Draft Picks .....	25
All-Americans .....	9
Academic All-Americans .....	7
All-Conference Winners .....	23
Academic All-Conference Winners .....	103

**Team Honors**

Conference Championships .....	1
Nine-Win Seasons .....	4
10-Win Seasons .....	3
11-Win Seasons .....	2
12-Win Seasons .....	1

**Nebraska Head Coach Frank Solich**



Coach **Frank Solich** (Nebraska, 1966) is in his sixth season at the helm of the Husker program with a 54-16 school and career record (.771). Solich ranks fourth among active coaches with at least five years of service in winning percentage. Nebraska's 5-0 start has allowed Solich to move ahead of Penn State's Joe Paterno and Michigan's Lloyd Carr on that list.

With a victory over Oklahoma State in the season opener, Solich collected his 50th win in just his 66th game as Nebraska's head coach, the same amount as his Hall of Fame predecessor Tom Osborne (50-14-2). Solich's 49 wins in his first five seasons as a head coach tied him for third place on the all-time Division I-A list for most wins in the first five years of a head coaching career.

Solich has piled up a number of notable accomplishments during his Nebraska tenure including...

- ▶ Becoming just the third first-year Nebraska head coach to record nine wins in his first season at the helm, joining a pair of Hall of Fame Coaches—Tom Osborne (9-2-1 in 1973) and Bob Devaney (9-2 in 1962).

- ▶ He posted the best record of any Husker second-year coach, as his team posted a 12-1 record in 1999, leading NU to a Big 12 championship and No. 2 (coaches poll) and No. 3 (AP poll) final national rankings.

- ▶ The Nebraska graduate has set NU records for most wins after two, three, four and five years as head coach, bettering Devaney and Osborne. The NU best for coaching wins in the first six seasons is 55 by Osborne (73 games).

- ▶ Solich was named the 1999 Big 12 Coach of the Year by his league peers and the AP after winning the league championship, and was named coach of the year by the conference coaches a second time in 2001.

- ▶ Solich is the only Husker coach to have won 12 games in either of his first two seasons. In fact, neither Devaney nor Osborne had an 11-win campaign in their first four years, with Devaney posting a pair of 10-win seasons and Osborne hitting 10 wins in his third season.

- ▶ Solich tied Devaney by winning his first conference title his second year, while Osborne tied for his first title in his third year at the helm.

Solich has continued Nebraska's winning tradition the Husker way—by identification of athletic talent regardless of position or recruiting rank; with successful recruitment nationwide of the country's best student-athletes; developing local talent and utilizing the envious Husker walk-on program; and by providing the best athletic facilities and support available for the student-athletes.

**Div. I-A Winningest Active Coaches**

Rank, Coach, School	Years	Rec.	Pct
1. Bob Pruett, Marshall	8	82-16	.837
2. Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee	12	107-26	.805
3. Bobby Bowden, Florida St.	38	337-96-4	.776
4. <b>Frank Solich, Nebraska</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>54-16</b>	<b>.771</b>
5. Joe Paterno, Penn State	38	338-104-3	.763
6. Lloyd Carr, Michigan	9	80-25	.762

Solich also recognizes the Husker tradition, which is most evident in his coaching staff. Including Solich, six of Nebraska's 10 full-time coaches played college ball at Nebraska. Solich is one of 19 current Division I-A football coaches who played for and now coach their alma mater.

Solich was named Nebraska's 26th head coach on Dec. 10, 1997, after serving as an NU assistant for 19

years. He played fullback for Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney, lettering in 1963-64-65. Solich was the first Husker running back to rush for 200 yards in a game and remains the only fullback to accomplish that feat. He also lettered for the NU baseball team in 1965. After serving as a local high school football coach for 14 years, Solich took over the NU freshman program and posted a 19-1 record from 1979 to 1982. He was elevated to NU's running backs coach after four seasons, a position he held for 15 years (1983-97). He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1991 and head coach following the 1997 season. Solich earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from NU in 1966 and 1972, respectively.

**Fresh Faces on Husker Sidelines for 2003 Season**

Solich is surrounded by several new faces on his coaching staff for the 2003 season. Six new coaches are on the NU staff, including three assistants on each side of the ball, led by new offensive and defensive coordinators.

The new Husker assistants (previous coaching stop) include...

- ▶ **Barney Cotton**, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line (Offensive coordinator, New Mexico State)
- ▶ **Bo Pelini**, Defensive Coordinator, (Linebackers, Green Bay Packers)
- ▶ **Tim Albin**, Running Backs/Passing Game Coordinator, (Graduate Assistant, Nebraska)
- ▶ **Scott Downing**, Tight Ends/Kickers & Punters/Recruiting Coordinator (Ass't. Head Coach, RBs, Purdue)
- ▶ **Marvin Sanders**, Defensive Backs, (Secondary, Colorado State)
- ▶ **Jimmy Williams**, Linebackers (Defensive Line, Toledo)

All of the new assistants had previous Nebraska ties except for Pelini, who came to Nebraska from the NFL coaching ranks and played college football at Ohio State. The newcomers join assistants **Ron Brown** (17th year), **Turner Gill** (12th year) and **Jeff Jamrog** (4th year). Brown continues to coach Nebraska's wide receivers. Gill remains the Huskers' quarterbacks coach and added the title of assistant head coach. Jamrog is again coaching the Husker defensive tackles, and is also tutoring the defensive ends and serves as Nebraska's special teams coordinator.

**Game Day Assignments**

Offense	Defense
<b>Field</b>	<b>Field</b>
Cotton	B. Pelini
Brown	Jamrog
Downing	Williams
<b>Press Box</b>	<b>Press Box</b>
Albin	Sanders
Gill	C. Pelini (G.A.)
McLaughlin (G.A.)	

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**Weekly Football Press Conference**

Nebraska will hold a weekly press conference/teleconference on Tuesdays throughout the football season.

The press conferences are held in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6 and will begin with Nebraska Volleyball Coach John Cook at 11 a.m., with lunch served at 11:15 a.m. Husker coordinators will be available at 11:40 a.m., followed by Head Coach Frank Solich at noon. Nebraska players will be available following Solich.

Each press conference will be available via teleconference and selected conferences will be carried on satellite (via ESPN News) and quotes will be transcribed and posted by mid-afternoon on *Huskers.com*, while edited sound bites are available on NebraskaNet.com. The teleconferences are also carried live on HuskersNSide.com.

Media wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the SID office at (402) 472-2263 for more information. The toll-free number for the teleconference is (877) 229-1563 and media can acquire the weekly passcode by calling the SID office.

**NU, Missouri in Statistical Rankings**

Below are top 25 national statistical rankings for Nebraska and Missouri and Husker and Tiger individuals.

**Nebraska Team**

**Rushing Offense**, 6th (241.0 ypg)

**Rushing Defense**, 10th (72.8 ypg)

**Pass Defense**, 7th (145.8 ypg)

**Pass Efficiency Defense**, 1st (79.6)

**Total Defense**, 1st (218.6 ypg)

**Scoring Defense**, 2nd (7.6 ppg)

**Turnover Margin**, 2nd (+1.8 pg)

**Kickoff Returns**, 15th (25.8 ypr)

**Fumbles Recovered**, tie 4th (10)

**Passes Intercepted**, tie 9th (9)

**Turnovers Gained**, 3rd (19)

**Missouri Team**

**Rushing Offense**, 13th (212.4 ypg)

**Punt Returns**, 20th (13.1 ypr)

**Turnovers Lost**, 1st (2)

**Nebraska Individual**

**Josh Bullocks**, tie 1st, Interceptions (1.0 pg)

**Josh Davis**, 8th, All-Purpose Yards (150.8 ypg)

**David Dyches**, 3rd, Field Goals per Game (2.5 pg)

**David Dyches**, 10th, Scoring (9.75 ppg)

**Missouri Individual**

**Zach Abron**, 25th, Rushing (96.0 ypg)

**Huskers Continuing History of Fast Starts**

Nebraska's victory over Troy State gave the Huskers a 5-0 record and marked the fifth time in six seasons under Frank Solich's direction that NU has started at least 5-0. Nebraska has now started nine of the past 11 seasons with a 5-0 record (all except 1996, 2002). Before suffering their first loss of the season, Solich's teams have started-5-0 (1998), 6-0 (1999), 7-0 (2000), 11-0 (2001) and 3-0 (2002). The Huskers were 3-0 this September, and NU has been close to unbeatable in that month in recent years. Since the start of the 1992 season, Nebraska is 37-4 (.902) in September, with the only losses on the road at Washington (1992), Arizona State (1996), Penn State (2002) and Iowa State (2002). Solich's Nebraska teams are 17-5 in the month of October.

**Nebraska Adds to Non-Conference Perfection in 2003**

Nebraska's 30-0 victory over Troy State on Saturday gave the Huskers a 4-0 record against non-league opponents this season and improved NU to 5-0 overall this season. This year's perfect non-conference record is nothing new for the Huskers, consider...

- ▶ NU has not lost a regular-season non-conference game in five of Frank Solich's six seasons as head coach
- ▶ The Huskers have been perfect in the non-conference portion of their schedule in 24 of 42 seasons during the Devaney-Osborne-Solich era. In two other seasons (1970, 1976) NU's only non-conference blemish was a tie.
- ▶ Nebraska's 4-0 non-conference record this fall marks the Huskers' 10th perfect non-conference mark since 1990.

**NU Looks to Get Conference Road Season Started Right**

The Huskers opened Big 12 action in style this season, defeating 24th-ranked Oklahoma State, 17-7, in Lincoln on Aug. 30. The victory marked Nebraska's 28th victory in its last 29 conference openers. The Huskers have also had good success in league road openers in recent years. Since the start of Big 12 play in 1996, the Huskers are 6-1 in their first conference road game away from Lincoln (5-1 in opponent's home stadium in addition to a 24-17 win over Oklahoma State in Kansas City in 1998). Nebraska's only loss in that period is a 36-14 setback at Iowa State in 2002. In fact, before last season's loss at Iowa State in its league road opener, Nebraska had won its previous 15 conference road openers, including four victories over Missouri in Columbia.

**Huskers Dominate Line of Scrimmage in Recent Meetings with Mizzou**

Nebraska has won 24 straight games against Missouri since 1979, including five straight meetings under Frank Solich. The Huskers have outscored Missouri 161-63 (32.2-12.6) under Solich, thanks in large part to Nebraska's advantage in the running game. In the past five meetings between the two schools, Nebraska has averaged 327.4 yards rushing per game, while holding the Tigers to just 95.0 yards per game on the ground. Mizzou has been held to less than 100 yards rushing in four of the five meetings, including 25 yards in 1999.

**Recent NU-Mizzou Matchups**

Year	Rush. Yds.		Total Yds.		Time of Poss.		Score
	NU	MU	NU	MU	NU	MU	
1998	256	77	328	166	32:54	27:06	NU, 20-13
1999	333	25	476	174	32:49	27:11	NU, 40-10
2000	311	209	484	492	33:45	26:15	NU, 42-24
2001	412	67	532	205	37:07	22:53	NU, 36-3
2002	325	97	359	220	32:58	27:02	NU, 24-13
<b>Avg.</b>	<b>327.4</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>435.8</b>	<b>251.4</b>	<b>33:55</b>	<b>26:05</b>	<b>32.2-12.6</b>

The rushing advantage has allowed Nebraska to have a 184-yard advantage in total offense on average in the matchups. The Huskers have held Missouri to 220 yards or less in four of the last five meetings between the two schools, including 220 yards last season. As a result of controlling the football with its rushing attack, Nebraska has averaged nearly 34 minutes in time of possession in the last five meetings with Missouri.

Nebraska and Missouri both have strong running games entering this year's matchup. The Huskers have the Big 12's top running attack, averaging 241.0 yards per game, while the Tigers are fourth in the league and 13th nationally at 212.4 yards per game.

**NU-Mizzou Matchup to Feature Dual-Threat Quarterbacks**

For the second straight year, the meeting between Nebraska and Missouri will feature a pair of quarterbacks who rank among the nation's leaders in rushing among quarterbacks, but have also shown the ability to make plays in the passing game.

Nebraska's **Jammal Lord** totaled 1,412 yards rushing last season, the third-most rushing yards ever by a Division I-A quarterback. This season Lord has rushed for 340 yards (68.0 ypg) and five touchdowns despite being the focus of opposing defenses. Lord is completing 55 percent of his passes and is coming off his best two passing games of the season, including a season-high 135 yards against Troy State.

The Tiger offense is led by sophomore Brad Smith, who like Lord, joined an exclusive club by topping 1,000 yards in both rushing and passing last season. In fact, Smith became just the second player in Division I-A history to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in the same season. This fall, Smith ranks first nationally among quarterbacks in rushing at 77.4 yards per game and is 45th in the nation in total offense at 218.2 yards per game.

Below is a look at the statistical line for each of the quarterbacks in last year's matchup in Lincoln, a 24-13 Nebraska victory.

- ▶ **Jammal Lord**, 17 rushes, 98 yards; 4-of-12 passing, 34 yards, 1 TD; 132 yards of total offense
- ▶ **Brad Smith**, 17 rushes, 34 yards; 14-of-29 passing, 123 yards; 157 yards of total offense

**Husker Honors, Watch Lists****Judd Davies, Sr., FB**

Preseason No. 6 Fullback in the Nation (TSN)

**Josh Davis, Sr., IB/KR**

Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week (9-15)

**David Dyches, Fr., PK**

Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (9-15)

**Matt Herian, So., TE**

Preseason No. 10 Tight End in Nation (TSN)

**Richie Incognito, So., OT**

Outland Trophy Watch List

Lombardi Award Watch List

Preseason No. 14 OT in the Nation (TSN)

Preseason No. 10 OT in the Nation (Lindy's)

**Kyle Larson, Sr., P**

Preseason No. 3 Punter in the Nation (Lindy's)

Preseason No. 4 Punter in the Nation (TSN)

Ray Guy Award Watch List

Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (9-28)

**Jammal Lord, Sr., QB**

Davey O'Brien Quarterback Award Watch List

**Barrett Ruud, Jr., LB**

Butkus Award Watch List

**Josh Sewell, Sr., C**

Rimington Award Watch List

**Demorrio Williams, Sr., LB**

Butkus Award Watch List

Lombardi Award Watch List

Preseason No. 11 OLB in the Nation (TSN)

Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week (9-8)

**Big 12 Conference POW Nominees**

Game	Offense	Defense	Special
OSU	none	B. Ruud	none
USU	none	<b>D. Williams</b>	Dyches
PSU	<b>Davis</b>	Washington	<b>Dyches</b>
USM	none	D. Williams	<b>Larson</b>
TSU	Herian	D. Williams	Larson

MU

A&M

ISU

UT

KU

KSU

CU

**Bold indicates winner**

**Huskers Shine Under the Lights**

Nebraska has had its share of success in night games over the years, compiling a 54-17-3 (.750) winning percentage, including an 18-2 record in games under the Memorial Stadium lights.

The Huskers are 18-5 in night games under Head Coach Frank Solich, 2-0 this season. In Solich's six seasons as head coach, Nebraska owns a 6-2 record in night games on the opponent's home field, most recently a 38-14 victory at Southern Mississippi earlier this season.

**NU to Make Fourth National TV Appearance**

Husker fans around the country have had an excellent chance to view the 2003 version of Nebraska football. The Missouri contest on TBS marks NU's fifth televised game of the fall, including four on national television. The Huskers' opener with Oklahoma State was televised nationally on ABC, followed by Utah State (Fox Sports Net) and Southern Miss (ESPN). Additionally, NU's matchup against Penn State was shown to more than 50 percent of the nation on ABC.

The appearance on TBS marks the third time in school history NU has played on that network, all on the road. The Huskers posted a 59-14 win over Illinois on TBS in 1986 and won 38-31 at Texas A&M last season.

**Scanning the Polls**

Nebraska found itself in an unfamiliar preseason position entering the 2003 season—unranked in both major polls. The Huskers were just outside of the top 25 in both polls, marking the first time since 1969 that Nebraska entered a season unranked in the Associated Press poll. The Huskers took care of that unusual situation in just one week. NU's 17-7 victory over Oklahoma State moved the Huskers into the polls, and they have continued to rise.

The Huskers are ranked seventh in this week's ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and moved up to 10th in the AP poll. Nebraska is one of four Big 12 teams that are ranked in at least one of the polls, joining Oklahoma (1 AP/1 Coaches), Texas (11/11) and Kansas State (22/21). Meanwhile, four other conference teams received votes in at least one of the polls, including Oklahoma State, Missouri, Kansas and Texas Tech.

The Huskers' move back into the national polls came after an absence from the Associated Press weekly polls for 12 straight weeks. Nebraska has now been ranked in 528 of 543 AP polls since 1969 (all but one week in 1977, two weeks in 1981, the final 11 weeks of 2002 and this year's preseason poll). Nebraska's entrance into the AP top 10 this week marks the Huskers' first visit to the top 10 since before the Penn State game last season. Before dropping out of the top 10 last season, NU had been ranked in the top 10 in the previous 54 AP polls. Nebraska has now been ranked in the AP top 10 for at least one week in each of the last 34 seasons and 40 of the last 41 years.

**Huskers Turning the Tables on Turnovers**

Part of Nebraska's struggles during a 7-7 campaign in 2002 were a result of finishing the season with a negative turnover margin. The Huskers forced 21 turnovers in 14 games last season, an average of 1.5 per contest. On the flip side, Nebraska committed 24 turnovers and finished the year a minus-three in turnover margin, one of just two seasons in the past 28 years Nebraska has had a negative turnover margin.

This season has been far different. Nebraska has forced 19 turnovers in just five games, an average of 3.8 per game, and just two shy of last year's season total. The Husker offense has committed 10 turnovers, giving the Huskers a +1.8 turnover margin per game, good for second in the nation. Entering the season, Nebraska had not forced five turnovers in a game for a span of 43 games since the 1999 campaign. This season, the Blackshirt defense has forced five opponent miscues against both Oklahoma State and Southern Miss and caused four Troy State turnovers last Saturday, including three consecutive second-quarter possessions.

Among the individual stalwarts in the turnover department are...

► Junior linebacker **Barrett Ruud** has tied the NU season record for fumble recoveries by a linebacker with three, including a 15-yard return for a touchdown against Oklahoma State. Ruud's three recoveries tie his father, Tom (1974), for the position record. Ruud has also forced a pair of fumbles.

► Senior Will linebacker **Demorrio Williams** has created headaches for opposing offenses all season, including forcing two fumbles and recovering two others.

► Senior nose tackle **Ryon Bingham** has also recovered a pair of fumbles, both of which have been converted to touchdowns by the Husker offense.

► Sophomore free safety **Josh Bullocks** has five interceptions in five games to lead the nation in interceptions per game. Last season Fabian Washington and DeJuan Groce tied for the season interception lead with four in 14 games. Bullocks has six interceptions in his career.

► Sophomore cornerback **Fabian Washington** has picked off a pair of passes this season and six in his career and recovered a fumble against Troy State.

► Sophomore **Titus Adams** gives Nebraska four players with at least two fumble recoveries this season.

Nebraska's defense will be put to the test in causing turnovers this week. Missouri has turned the ball over just twice in five games, the fewest of any team in the nation.

**Shutout Adds to Nebraska's Defensive Dominance**

Nebraska's defense was dominant enough in the first four games to lead the nation in total defense and rank in the top 20 in all major defensive categories. The one thing missing from the Blackshirts' early-season resume was a shutout. The resume is now complete after a 30-0 whitewash of Troy State in Lincoln. The Trojans never seriously threatened to put points on the scoreboard, snapping the ball in Nebraska territory just three times on the day.

Troy State Coach Larry Blakeney left Saturday's game impressed with the Husker defense.—

► *"We faced a very good defense, a defense to be reckoned with. They might be good enough to take that team to pretty good heights."*

The shutout was the first by Nebraska since a 59-0 win over Baylor on Oct. 21, 2000, a span of 37 games, and marked Nebraska's fifth shutout under Coach Solich. The 2003 Blackshirts have become just the fifth NU defense in the Osborne-Solich era to hold opponents to 14 points or less in each of the first five games. The Huskers have now accomplished the feat three times in six seasons under Solich (also 1999, 2001) and also held the first five opponents to less than 14 points in 1990 and 1976 under Tom Osborne. The 1976 and 1999 NU defenses held each of the first six opponents to 14 points or less, while the 2001 unit did not allow an opponent to score more than 14 points in the first seven games of the season.

**Back in Black and Tops in Total Defense**

Nebraska's top defensive players had to wait until just a few days before the season opener to learn who would be given Blackshirts—the coveted practice jerseys worn by first-team Husker defenders. First-year coordinator Bo Pelini's delay in awarding the Blackshirts does not seem to have fazed his players, as Nebraska has opened the season with five straight stout defensive efforts. Here are a few notes regarding the performance of NU's defense through five games...

► Nebraska ranks in the top 10 nationally in all five major defensive categories and turnover margin, including No. 1 in total defense at 218.6 yards per game and tops in pass efficiency defense with a rating of 79.6 points.

**Husker Records Report**

<b>Category</b> .....	<b>Record</b>
All-time.....	776-308-40
Home.....	466-124-20
Memorial Stadium.....	341-101-13
Since 1962.....	410-85-5
Away.....	310-184-20
Road (on campus).....	273-146-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls).....	37-37-3
When Scoring 35+ Points.....	306-2
vs. Big 12 Teams.....	440-148-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96).....	45-12
Home.....	26-3
Away.....	18-9
Neutral.....	1-0
Bowls.....	20-21
On ABC.....	74-31
On FieldTurf.....	30-3
At Night.....	54-17-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time.....	90-96-3
Home.....	42-32-0
Away.....	28-49-3
Neutral.....	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team.....	46-7-1
In 259 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time.....	231-28
vs. Ranked Teams.....	38-20
Under Head Coach Frank Solich...	
All-Time.....	54-16
Home.....	36-3
Away.....	14-10
Neutral.....	4-3
Bowls.....	2-3
vs. AP Ranked Teams.....	11-12
Home.....	7-2
Away.....	1-8
Neutral.....	3-2
vs. AP Top 10 Teams.....	4-5
Home.....	3-1
Away.....	0-2
Neutral.....	1-2
vs. Unranked Teams.....	43-4
Home.....	29-1
Away.....	14-3
vs. Big 12 Teams.....	30-12
Home.....	18-3
Away.....	10-9
Neutral.....	2-0
Big 12 Championship Game.....	1-0
At Night.....	18-5
August.....	5-0
September.....	19-2
October.....	17-5
November.....	10-6
December.....	2-2
January.....	1-1

**NU Streaks...The Huskers have...**

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 107 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (215-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 94 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 225 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 101 times

**Huskers Through the Years**

<b>Coaches</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Natl. Champs</b>
Bob Devaney	101-20-2	11	70, 71
Tom Osborne	255-49-3	25	94, 95, 97
<u>Frank Solich</u>	<u>54-16-0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>
Since 1962	410-85-5	42	5
1890-1962	366-223-35	72	0
<b>All-Time</b>	<b>776-308-40</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>5</b>

- ▶ The Huskers held their first three opponents to 10 points or less for the first time since 1984. In that season, Nebraska finished the year No. 1 in the country in total defense (203.3 ypg) and scoring defense (9.5 ppg).
- ▶ NU has forced 19 turnovers in the first five games, including five each against Oklahoma State and Southern Miss and four against Troy State. NU did not force more than three turnovers in a game last season and just 21 total in 14 games in 2002. Nebraska's +1.8 turnover margin ranks second in the nation.
- ▶ Nebraska has held each of its first five opponents to 108 or fewer yards on the ground, including just 44 by Penn State, which rushed for 217 yards against Nebraska in 2002. Nebraska is allowing an average of just 72.8 yards per game on the ground, good for 10th in the nation.
- ▶ Nebraska's defense has yet to allow a rushing play of 20 yards or more. The longest rushes against the Huskers this season are three 17-yard runs. scampers by Utah State's David Fiefia, Southern Miss' Tim Blackwell and Troy State's Aaron Leak. Only eight opponent pass plays have covered more than 20 yards.

**Tracking the 2003 Blackshirts**

Opponent	Rushing	Passing	Total	Turnovers	Pts. off TO	2nd Half Yards/Pts.
Oklahoma St.	86	97	183	5 (2 F, 3 INT)	14	57/0
Utah State	60	178	238	3 (2 F, 1 INT)	9	86/0
Penn State	44	159	203	2 (1 F, 1 INT)	3	98/0
So. Miss	108	211	319	5 (3 F, 2 INT)	21	237/7
Troy State	66	84	150	4 (2 F, 2 INT)	7	99/0
<b>5-Game Avg.</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>145.8</b>	<b>218.6</b>	<b>19 (10 F, 9 INT)</b>	<b>54/10.8</b>	<b>115.4/7</b>
<b>2002 (5 games)</b>	<b>143.4</b>	<b>219.4</b>	<b>362.8</b>	<b>10 (2 F, 8 INT)</b>		

- ▶ Troy State's 150 yards of total offense were the fewest NU has allowed since Baylor picked up just 84 in a 59-0 NU victory in October of 2000. That game was also NU's most recent shutout before the 30-0 win over Troy State.
- ▶ Nebraska has not allowed a point in the third quarter this season and the Huskers hold a 60-0 scoring advantage in that period. By comparison, NU opponents outscored the Huskers 110-97 in the third quarter in 2002. The Blackshirts have allowed just seven points in the second half this fall, a late TD by Southern Miss.
- ▶ Nebraska has allowed just five drives to enter its red zone in five games. Three of the five drives that have reached Nebraska's red zone have started inside the Nebraska 30-yard line. Opponents have penetrated the red zone on just two of the other 66 drives against the Husker defense this season. Both Utah State and Troy State failed to reach the red zone against NU's defense. Southern Miss reached the NU red zone twice in the second half, marking the first second-half red zone trips by opponents this season.
- ▶ The Huskers allowed Oklahoma State just 183 yards of total offense, the fewest Nebraska had allowed in 24 games. Nebraska had not allowed fewer yards in a season opener since Iowa picked up just 169 yards of total offense in the 1999 opener in Iowa City (NU, 42-7). The Cowboys are averaging 470.3 yards per game since their loss at Nebraska.
- ▶ Nebraska's defense was nearly flawless after the first quarter in each of the first two games. Oklahoma State picked up 113 yards in the game's first 18 minutes in the season opener, but managed just 70 yards of offense in the game's final 42 minutes, including 57 in the second half. Utah State gained 145 yards in the first quarter, but had just 93 the remainder of the game, with 59 of those yards coming on the final possession of the game.

**Williams Setting Tone for Blackshirts**

Nebraska's defensive effort in 2003 has been truly a team effort. However, it is hard not to notice the play of senior Will linebacker **Demorrio Williams**. The Beckville, Texas, native leads the team with 48 tackles, including 31 solo stops. He tied his career high with 13 tackles against Troy State, including seven solo stops, a pair of tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. His eight tackles for loss (39 yards) and 5.5 sacks (35 yards) both lead the Blackshirt defense. Williams has also forced two fumbles, recovered a pair of fumbles, hurried opposing quarterbacks a team-high five times and broke up a pair of passes.

Williams simply dominated the second quarter against Utah State, recording three sacks for 27 yards, forcing fumbles on two of the sacks. Nebraska converted the fumbles Williams caused into nine points in a 31-7 victory. Williams' play against the Aggies earned him Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors. Williams made another strong statement in front of a national stage on ESPN Thursday night at Southern Miss, recording a season-high 12 tackles, the third-most of his Husker career. He has been Nebraska's nominee for Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week after three of NU's first five games.

The Butkus and Lombardi Award committees have noticed the play of the 6-1, 215-pound senior by both adding him to the watch lists for their respective awards. Williams' play has also drawn rave reviews from both Nebraska opponents and the NU coaching staff.

- ▶ "Whoa, that's like having a safety at linebacker. He was in the backfield all the time. We had him blocked and he was quick enough to get around us and cause trouble."—Oklahoma State offensive guard Sam Mayes
- ▶ "If you really want to know, I can still feel him. He was the best player out there today. I've never played against anyone like him before."—Utah State quarterback Travis Cox
- ▶ "We don't have an athlete like him. He's a difference maker and those two turnovers he caused were a major, major, major difference in this game."—Utah State Head Coach Mick Dennehy
- ▶ "He's a special player. He has special talents. That left guard might be seeing him (Williams) in his sleep for a while."—Nebraska Defensive Coordinator Bo Pelini after Oklahoma State game

Game	Tackles (U-A-T)	TFL/Sacks	Other
OSU	7-2-9	1-3/0	2 Hurries, PBU
USU#	6-3-9	3-27/3-27	2 FC, 1 FR
PSU	3-2-5	0/0	
USM*	8-4-12	2-4/1-3	1 FR, 2 Hurries
TSU*	7-6-13	2-5/1.5-5	

\*-Big 12 POW Nominee; #-Winner

## Four Seniors Elected as Captains

Four Nebraska seniors are serving as captains for the 2003 season. The captains were determined by a vote of the team, with two captains selected on both offense and defense. On offense, quarterback **Jammal Lord** and fullback **Judd Davies** received the nod. Lord is in his second season as NU's starting signal caller, while Davies is in his third season as the Huskers' starter at fullback. Defensively, end **Trevor Johnson** and linebacker **Demorrio Williams** were selected as captains. Johnson is a fifth-year senior from Lincoln, while Williams joined the Husker program after two seasons at Kilgore (Texas) Junior College. Williams is the first junior college transfer to be elected team captain at Nebraska since at least 1957. In addition to the four captains for the season.

Nebraska coaches are also recognizing the importance of special teams this fall by selecting a special teams captain each week.

### Nebraska Special Teams Captains

Oklahoma State	Jerrell Pippens
Utah State	Philip Bland
Penn State	Kyle Larson
Southern Miss	Fred Thorne
Troy State	Chad Buller

## DeAngelis Named to Good Works Team

Nebraska junior place-kicker **Sandro DeAngelis** is one of 11 Division I-A players who have been named to the AFCA Good Works Team. The team annually honors players for their dedication and commitment to community service. DeAngelis is a regular volunteer in the Lincoln community, including the Lincoln DARE program and he is a two-year member of Nebraska's Brook Berringer Citizenship Team. DeAngelis' selection gives Nebraska a nation-leading nine Good Works members since the team's inception in 1992.

## All-Americans Call Nebraska Home

DeJuan Groce became the latest player to add his name to Nebraska's prestigious list of All-Americans in 2002. Groce was named a first-team All-American as a kick returner by the American Football Coaches Association. Groce tied an NCAA record by returning four punts for touchdowns last season, including two against Troy State.

Groce's All-America selection added to Nebraska's long list of All-Americans, beginning with tackle Vic Halligan in 1914. The Huskers have had at least one All-American in all but two (1991, 1998) of the past 33 years, and Head Coach Frank Solich has had nine All-Americans in his first five seasons. Overall, Nebraska has seen 89 different players earn first-team All-America honors from at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for a total of 103 first-team awards. Nebraska had its most All-Americans in one season when six Huskers earned first-team honors in the 1971 national championship campaign. The offensive line is Nebraska's most honored position, with 26 different players earning 31 first-team All-America certificates.

## NU Defense Dominating in All Areas

**Demorrio Williams** has been the headline grabbing player on defense early in the season, but the Blackshirts have received great individual efforts from numerous players in 2003, including...

► Junior linebacker **Barrett Ruud** ranks second on the team in tackles with 44 stops, including a team-high 11 tackles against Utah State and 10 at Southern Mississippi. Ruud's three fumble recoveries have resulted in 17 points, including a pair of touchdowns and a field goal. Ruud's performance this fall has not come as a surprise to NU coaches, a fact Head Coach Frank Solich pointed out after the season opener. — *"I thought leading up to this game that Barrett Ruud had a great fall camp. He is a great football player, and I think that showed in a lot of ways today."*

► Left cornerback **Fabian Washington** is only a sophomore, but has emerged as the leader in the Nebraska secondary. Washington ranks third on the team in tackles with 32 stops, including team-high efforts against Oklahoma State (11) and Penn State (9). Washington was a key in the NU defense that limited Oklahoma State All-America receiver Rashaun Woods to five catches for 47 yards, including two receptions for nine yards in the second half.

Washington had another superior effort against Penn State, finishing with nine tackles, his first interception of the season, a pair of pass breakups and two tackles for loss. Washington broke up two more passes against Southern Miss and now has 18 career pass breakups, 10th on Nebraska's career list. He added his sixth career interception and a fumble recovery in the shutout of Troy State. Pelini has been impressed with the work of NU's left corner — *"He was all over the place (against Oklahoma State). He's a good football player, who really steps it up in live competition. It was no surprise to us the way he played. He's a gamer."*

Defensive Backs Coach Marvin Sanders echoed Pelini's feelings on Washington after his standout performance against Penn State — *"He's showed he is a very special player. Fabian has been a very consistent player, and he is getting better every week. I think, right now, he's definitely playing at an All-Big 12 level."*

► Sophomore free safety **Josh Bullocks** has intercepted five passes this season and is tied for first in the nation in interceptions per game. Bullocks' two picks against OSU marked the first time a Husker had two interceptions in a game since Washington picked off two Iowa State passes last season. Bullocks' five interceptions are tied for seventh on NU's single-season list and just two away from the school record. Sanders has also praised Bullocks by saying that he is also performing at an all-conference level.

► Senior linebacker **T.J. Hollowell** has teamed with Williams and Ruud to make the Husker linebacking corps a three-man wrecking force. Hollowell has made 28 tackles this season, including seven each against Utah State and Southern Miss. He had a tackle for loss, in addition to a pair of quarterback hurries and two pass breakups against Troy State. The Husker linebackers combined for 27 tackles against Troy State.

## Power Husker Running Game Controlling Football

Nebraska's offense has yet to hit on all cylinders, but a powerful ball-control Husker running attack, combined with great defense, has kept opponent offenses off the field this season. Nebraska has snapped the ball a total of 362 times (72.4 per game) in the first five games, a remarkable 54 more plays than its opponents have run.

The discrepancy in offensive snaps has led to a huge Husker advantage in time of possession. Through five games, Nebraska has held the ball an average of 34:26 to just 24:34 for the opposition. Against Penn State, Nebraska's advantage was 19:30 (39:45-20:15). The Huskers' 8:12 drive to open the third quarter represented more possession time than the Nittany Lions had in the entire second half (7:33). The 19 1/2-minute time of possession advantage against Penn State was Nebraska's greatest since Nebraska held the ball for 39:47 in a 41-0 shutout against Kansas in 1998.

## Nebraska Looks to Make Most of Red Zone Opportunities

The Husker offense has struggled to cross the goal line once it has moved inside the opponent's 20-yard line, scoring 10 touchdowns in 27 red zone opportunities, with another nine of those drives ending in field goals. While Nebraska's ability to finish drives with touchdowns has been a concern, the offense's ability to march into the red zone this season has been a drastic improvement from 2002.

This season, NU is averaging 5.4 trips per game into the red zone, while last year Nebraska moved inside the 20 just 43 times in 14 games, or an average of 3.1 trips per outing. On the flip side, NU opponents have moved inside the Husker 20 just five times in the first five games, after averaging 3.4 red zone opportunities in 2002.

## Huskers Winning Field Position Battle

While Nebraska's offense continues to polish its attack early in the season, the Huskers have leaned on excellent defense and outstanding special teams. While the defense has carried Nebraska by dominating opponents and forcing turnovers, and the offense has controlled the clock, the Husker special teams has quietly done its part to give NU a huge advantage in field position.

► Through five games, Nebraska holds a 15.3-yard advantage in starting field position, beginning its average drive on its own 42.2, while opponents have started on average at their own 26.9

► The Huskers are coming off their most lopsided field position advantage against Troy State, holding a 17.4-yard edge in starting position. Nebraska started six drives on Troy State's side of the field and nine drives beyond its own 40, while Troy State started inside its own 20 three times and managed just one drive start in Nebraska territory. Nebraska held a 15-yard advantage in starting field position in the season opener against Oklahoma State, a 17-yard edge against Utah State and better than a 14-yard advantage at Southern Miss.

► Nebraska has started four drives inside the opponent's 20-yard line, while beginning just four inside its own 20. Opponents have started 16 drives inside their own 20 and just five in Nebraska territory.

► Nebraska has already gained a 1,012-yard advantage in cumulative starting field position, an average of better than 200 yards per game in field position differential.

**Nebraska Kickoff Return Record Book**

**Returns, Game**—7, Josh Davis, at Kansas State, Nov. 16, 2002 (shared)  
**Return Yards, Game**—186, Josh Davis at Kansas State, Nov. 16, 2002  
**Returns, Season**—42, Josh Davis, 2002  
**Return Yards, Season**—994; Josh Davis, 2002  
**Returns, Career**—73, Josh Davis, 2000-present  
**Return Yards, Career**—1,790, Josh Davis, 2000-present

**Top Five Season Kickoff Return Yards**

1. 994 Josh Davis, IB, 2002 (42 ret.)
2. 675 Josh Davis, IB, 2001 (25 ret.)
3. 523 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1990 (18 ret.)
4. 510 Dana Brinson, WB, 1988 (23 ret.)
5. 424 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1992 (19 ret.)

**Top Five Career Kickoff Return Yards**

1. 1,790 Josh Davis, IB, 2000-present (73 ret.)
2. 1,443 Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (51 ret.)
3. 1,159 Joe Walker, ROV, 1997-2000 (53 ret.)
4. 1,154 Dana Brinson, WB, 1985--88 (51 ret.)
5. 847 Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (35 ret.)

**Big 12 Career Kickoff Return Yards**

Rank	Player, School, Yrs.	Yards
1.	Ben Kelly, Colo. (1997-99)	1,798
2.	Josh Davis, NU (2000-pres.)	1,790

**Big 12 Career Kickoff Returns**—73, Josh Davis, NU, 2000-present

**Big 12 Season KO Return Yardage**—994, Josh Davis, NU, 2002

**Nebraska Career Punting Leaders**

Rank	Player, Years	Punts	Yards	Avg.
1.	Dan Hadenfeldt, 1997-2000	104	4,632	44.54
2.	Kyle Larson, 2000-present	149	6,380	42.82
3.	Jesse Kosch, 1994-97	101	4,234	41.92
4.	Mike Stigge, 1989-92	167	6,973	41.75
5.	Scott Livingston, 1982-84	83	3,406	41.04

Note: Minimum 70 punts

**Top Rushing Games by NU QBs**

Yards	Player	Opponent
234	Jammal Lord	Texas (11-2-02)
218	Jammal Lord	McNeese St. (10-5-02)
199	Tommie Frazier	vs. Florida (1-2-96)
191	Eric Crouch	at Missouri (9-29-01)
176	Gerry Gdowski	Iowa State (10-28-89)
162	Eric Crouch	at Colorado (11-23-01)
159	Jammal Lord	at Texas A&M (10-26-02)

**Top Total Offense Games in NU History**

Yards	Player	Opponent
369	Jammal Lord	McNeese State (10-5-02)
360	Eric Crouch	at Colorado (11-23-01)
332	Jammal Lord	Texas (11-2-02)

**1,000-Yard Rushing Seasons by NU QBs**

Year	Player	Att.	Yds.	TDs
2002	Jammal Lord	251	1,412	8
2001	Eric Crouch	203	1,115	18
1997	Scott Frost	176	1,095	19

**Most Rushing Yards in a Season by**

**NCAA Division I-A Quarterbacks**

Year	Player, School	Att.-Yards
1986	Beau Morgan, Air Force	225-1,494
1989	Stacey Robinson, N. Illinois	223-1,443
2002	Jammal Lord, Nebraska	251-1,412

**Nebraska Career Rushing**

Rank	Player, Yrs.	Yards
1.	Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	4,780
2.	Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
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20.	Steve Taylor, QB, 1985-88	2,125
21.	Monte Anthony, IB, 1974-77	2,077
22.	Jeff Smith, IB, 1980-84	1,992
23.	Joe Orduna, HB, 1967-70	1,968
24.	Jammal Lord, 2000-present	1,965
25.	Tommie Frazier, QB, 1992-95	1,955

**Davis Handling Heavy Work Load for Huskers**

Senior I-back **Josh Davis** should be sleeping well on Saturday nights. The 5-11, 200-pound Davis is in his third season as Nebraska's starting kickoff return man, and already owns NU single-game, season and career records for kickoff return yardage. Davis is eight yards from becoming the Big 12's career leader in kickoff return yardage and by season's end could become the first 2,000-yard kickoff return man in Nebraska history. His special teams role has grown this season, as he has taken over Nebraska's top punt return duties. Davis has returned 20 punts for 193 yards, an average of 9.6 yards per return.

Davis has also risen to the top of the depth chart at I-back and has led the Husker rushing attack that ranks sixth nationally in rushing offense. Davis is averaging 83.4 yards per game (42nd in nation) and 4.9 yards per carry. Against Penn State, Davis was a workhorse, setting career highs for carries (32) and rushing yards (179), including a career-long 42-yard run in the second quarter. His tough running style has allowed him to be thrown for only nine yards in losses in 85 carries this season. Davis has also caught three passes for 23 yards out of the backfield.

The running style of Davis reminds many of his father, Tony, who played at Nebraska from 1973 to 1975 and earned the nickname "Tough Tony." Josh's 179-yard effort against Penn State was the first 100-yard day of his career and made the Davis family the first to have a father-son combination both record 100-yard rushing games at Nebraska. Tony had seven 100-yard games in his Nebraska career.

Josh Davis' multi-purpose role with the Huskers has put him among the nation's leaders in all-purpose running. Davis averages 150.8 all-purpose yards per game, good for eighth nationally and tops in the Big 12 in that category. Davis had 237 all-purpose yards in the win over Penn State.

**Davis Game-by-Game**

Nebraska senior Josh Davis is one of the nation's busiest players. He has started each of NU's first five games at I-back and handles the Huskers' kickoff and punt return duties. Here is a look at his all-purpose performance this season.

Opp.	Rush	Rec.	KOR	PR	Total
OSU	20-95	1-12	1-32	3-30	25-169
USU	14-63	1-7	1-30	3-44	19-144
PSU	32-179	0-0	0-0	6-58	38-237
USM	10-42	0-0	2-59	4-42	16-143
TSU	9-38	1-4	0-0	4-19	14-61

**Larson Keys Husker Punting Team**

Nebraska's special teams have a tradition of being exactly that—"special". Along with senior kickoff and punt return man Josh Davis, senior punter **Kyle Larson** headlines the NU special teams this fall. Larson is in his third season as a starter for the Huskers. He has been one of the nation's top punters each of the past two seasons and his statistics rank near the top of Nebraska's career charts.

Larson averaged 43.2 yards per punt last season and keyed a Husker punting unit that ranked second in the Big 12 and fifth nationally in net punting. The Funk, Neb., native had 21 punts of 50 yards or longer last season and pinned the opposition inside its own 20 on 23 occasions. Larson was a second-team All-Big 12 selection by the league's coaches last season and was one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award. His 42.82 career punting average ranks second on the Husker career charts, behind only his predecessor Dan Hadenfeldt (1999-2000).

Larson has been strong again in 2003. He is averaging 42.2 yards on 20 punts, with 55 percent (11-of-20) of his punts leaving the opposition inside its own 20 yard-line. All three of Larson's punts against Troy State were downed inside the 20, including a 71-yard boot that tied his career long. Larson has uncorked three punts of 63 yards or longer in the past two weeks. Against Southern Mississippi, Larson averaged 47.6 yards on seven punts, including boots of 63 and 67 yards. His effort against the Golden Eagles earned him Big 12 Special Teams Player-of-the-Week honors, marking the third time in his career Larson has captured that award.

**Versatile Lord Continuing Move in NU Record Books**

Nebraska senior quarterback **Jammal Lord** made a large dent in the Husker record book a year ago. The Bayonne, N.J., native set NU game and season records for total offense and rushing yards by a quarterback. Lord finished the season with 1,412 rushing yards, the third-most ever by a Division I-A quarterback and amassed 2,774 yards of total offense. In the process, he also became one of only 19 Division I-A players to both rush and pass for more than 1,000 yards in the same season. He was the third Husker signal caller in six seasons to reach that plateau, joining Scott Frost (1997) and Eric Crouch (2001).

In addition, Lord was Nebraska's most consistent big-play threat a year ago. He had a hand in a remarkable 41 plays of 20 yards or more in 2002, including 21 runs and 20 passes. Despite his gaudy numbers last season, the 6-2, 220-pound Lord worked hard in the off-season to become a more efficient quarterback in 2003, most notably through the air. Last season Lord completed just under 47 percent of his passes and threw for 12 touchdowns against 12 interceptions.

The off-season work has produced results for Lord, who has completed 55 percent of his passes in Nebraska's first five games. He has thrown a pair of touchdown passes (both against Southern Miss) and been picked off three times. His passing percentage improvement of nearly eight points is the most drastic among recent NU quarterbacks in their second year.

Lord is coming off his two most productive passing days of the young season. At Southern Miss he hit on 6-of-14 passes for 124 yards, including scoring strikes of 44 and 43 yards to Ross Pilkington and Isaiah Fluellen, respectively. In Nebraska's 30-0 win over Troy State, Lord connected on seven of his 12 attempts, including a season-long 77-yard pass to tight end Matt Herian.

Lord continues to be among Nebraska's most dangerous rushing threats, despite being constantly keyed on by opposing defenses. Lord has rushed for 340 yards on 90 carries and scored five touchdowns this season. Lord ran for 100 yards on 20 carries against Penn State, marking the sixth 100-yard game of his career and first in 2003. Only 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch (17) has more career 100-yard rushing games than Lord from the

**Lord Game-by-Game**

Game	Pass	Rush	Total Off.
OSU	16-8-1, 78, 0 TD	18-90, 0 TD	34 att., 168 yds.
USU	17-12-0, 85, 0 TD	20-72, 1 TD	37 att., 157 yds.
PSU	6-4-1, 60 yds., 0 TD	20-100, 1 TD	26 att., 160 yds.
USM	14-6-0, 124 yds., 2 TD	18-6, 1 TD	32 att., 130 yds.
TSU	12-7-1, 135 yds.	14-72, 2 TD	26 att., 207 yds.

**Nebraska Career Passing**

Rank, Player, Yrs.	Yards
1. Dave Humm, 1972-74	5,035
2. Jerry Tagge, 1969-71	4,704
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10. Tom Sorley, 1976-78	2,230
11. Jammal Lord, 2000-present	2,024

**NU Single-Season Total Offense**

Rank, Player, Pos., Yr.	Total Offense
1. Jammal Lord, QB, 2002	2,774
2. Eric Crouch, QB, 2001	2,625
3. Jerry Tagge, QB, 1971	2,333
4. Scott Frost, QB, 1997	2,332
5. Gerry Gdowski, QB, 1989	2,251
6. Eric Crouch, QB, 1999	2,158
7. Mike Rozier, IB, 1983	2,148
8. Keithen McCant, QB, 1991	2,108
9. Vince Ferragamo, QB, 1976	2,086
10. Eric Crouch, QB, 2000	2,072

**NU Career Total Offense**

Rank, Player, Pos., Yrs.	Total Offense
1. Eric Crouch, QB, 1998-2001	7,915
2. Tommie Frazier, QB, 1992-95	5,476
3. Jerry Tagge, QB, 1969-71	5,283
4. Dave Humm, QB, 1972-74	5,027
5. Steve Taylor, QB, 1985-88	4,940
6. Mike Rozier, IB, 1981-83	4,780
7. Turner Gill, QB, 1980-83	4,634
8. Scott Frost, QB, 1996-97	4,210
9. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
10. Jammal Lord, QB, 2000-03	3,783

**Husker Offensive Breakdown Under Frank Solich**

Season	Total Off.	Pct. Rush	Pct. Pass
1998	384.9	65.9	34.1
1999	392.2	67.7	32.3
2000	459.9	75.9	24.1
2001	451.2	69.7	30.3
2002	373.1	72.0	28.0
2003	351.8	68.5	31.5

**Husker Offensive Breakdown****Most Run-Oriented Offenses Since 1973**

1988	477.9	79.9	20.1
1985	403.1	79.2	20.8
1990	444.4	76.5	23.5

**Most Pass-Oriented Offenses Since 1973**

1976	407.8	53.9	46.1
1973	396.0	56.9	43.1
1975	406.2	61.0	39.0

**Nebraska's National Championship Seasons**

1970	421.3	55.1	44.9
1971	258.3	59.0	41.0
1994	477.8	71.2	28.8
1995	556.3	71.9	28.1
1997	513.7	76.4	23.6

quarterback position. Lord is coming off a 72-yard rushing effort on 14 carries against Troy State, including a pair of touchdown runs. Lord's 72 rushing yards moved him past Tommie Frazier into 24th place on Nebraska's career rushing list, third among quarterbacks. Lord is just 35 yards from becoming Nebraska's 22nd 2,000-yard career rusher. He eclipsed the 2,000-yard passing barrier against Troy State and now has 2,024 yards to rank 11th on that career list.

Recent Nebraska history indicates that Lord could continue to make significant improvement this fall. Husker quarterbacks in their second seasons as starters have enjoyed much greater success in year two at the helm versus their first season as a starter. Most recently, Crouch improved his completion percentage from 48.5 percent as a freshman to 51.9 percent as a sophomore. Crouch also improved his average yards per total offense attempt by nearly a yard. The graphic below examines several Nebraska quarterbacks' statistics in their first seasons as starters versus their second years.

**Selected NU Starting Quarterbacks—Year 1 vs. Year 2**

	Pass Comp. %	Pass TD-Int.	Rush Yds./Att.	Total Yds/Att.
<b>Jammal Lord</b>				
2002	46.6	12-12	5.6	6.7
2003	55.0	2-3	3.8	5.5
<b>Eric Crouch (Four-year starter, 1998-2001, 2001 Heisman winner)</b>				
1998	48.5	4-4	4.8	5.4
1999	51.9	7-4	4.9	6.3
<b>Scott Frost (Two-year starter, 1996-97, Guided NU to 1997 national championship)</b>				
1996	52.0	13-3	3.5	5.8
1997	55.3	5-4	6.2	7.0
<b>Tommie Frazier (Four-year starter, 1992-95, Guided NU to back-to-back national titles in 1994 and 1995)</b>				
1992	44.0	10-1	4.6	6.1
1993	47.5	12-4	5.6	6.5
<b>Turner Gill (Three-year starter, 1981-83, Fourth in 1983 Heisman balloting)</b>				
1981	51.6	9-4	3.5	5.3
1982	54.2	11-3	4.9	6.3

**NU Strives for Offensive Efficiency**

Nebraska entered the season with a desire to become a more balanced, efficient offense. Through five games, Nebraska has primarily relied on its punishing running game to control the clock and keep opponents off the field. As a result, the Huskers have run the ball on 293 of 362 offensive snaps, allowing NU to control the ball for an average of more than 35 minutes per game.

Solich and offensive coordinator Barney Cotton have regularly talked about increasing the Huskers' completion rate into the 55 to 60 percent area and through five games results are good, with NU connecting on 56.5 percent of its pass attempts. Despite the run-oriented attack early in the season, this year's Husker offense still has the potential to be one of Nebraska's more balanced units in recent years.

Last season Nebraska generated 72 percent of its offense on the ground, and in the first five seasons under Solich the Huskers have accounted for just over 70 percent of their offense via the run. This season, Nebraska has gained 68.5 percent of its yards on the ground. By comparison, Tom Osborne's last five Husker teams (1993-97) picked up 71.5 percent of their offense via the run.

Solich's most balanced offensive attack came in his first season in 1998, when NU gained 65.9 percent of its offense on the ground (34.1 percent passing). In fact, that season marks Nebraska's most pass-oriented offense in the past 26 years. Nebraska has not picked up more than 35 percent of its offensive yardage via the pass since the 1976 season. In that campaign, Vince Ferragamo guided an NU passing attack that led the Big Eight Conference at 188.0 yards per game and accounted for 46.1 percent of Nebraska's offense. Each of Osborne's first four NU teams (1973-76) picked up at least 37 percent of their offense by passing.

**Youthful Receiving Corps Starting to Make Large Impact**

Nebraska graduated all three starters and eight lettermen at its three receiving positions from the 2002 team. Heading into the season, Nebraska coaches knew the receiving corps would be extremely youthful and relatively untested, but also knew that the group possessed a great deal of talent and athleticism. That ability has started to show in the past two weeks as NU's passing attack has opened up.

Among Nebraska's two-deep at the two receiver positions and tight end, four of the six players are either sophomores or redshirt freshmen, including....

► Sophomore tight end **Matt Herian** who averaged a remarkable 43.0 yards on seven receptions last season, including four touchdowns. Herian has shown the same big-play ability this season, averaging 20.5 yards on 12 receptions, including a 77-yard catch from Jammal Lord against Troy State. He also caught his first TD pass of the season against the Trojans, a 21-yard reception from freshman Joe Dailey. Herian finished the Troy State game with three receptions for 110 yards, the first NU 100-yard receiving game since Wilson Thomas at Colorado in 2001. It also marked the most receiving yards by an NU tight end since Tracey Wistrom had four catches for 116 yards against Oklahoma State in 1999. Herian and Lord have connected for nine pass plays of 28 yards or longer in the past two seasons, including three this year. Herian has caught a pass in eight straight games dating back to last season.

**Huskers Among Big 12 Leaders In Graduation Rates**

Nebraska has led the Big 12 in four of the past six years in graduation rates (all except 2000, 2003 when NU finished second). In addition, Nebraska's Exhausted Eligibility Graduation Rate increased for the fourth consecutive year and is currently a Big 12-leading 90 percent. The Exhausted Eligibility Rate surveys the graduation of scholarship student-athletes who entered the University of Nebraska from 1987 through 1996 and exhausted their athletic eligibility at Nebraska.

Nebraska's football averages are higher than the national average and are higher than the general student population at UNL as well. NU's four-class rate for football student-athletes entering in 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996, is 57 percent, six percentage points higher than the national average and UNL average of 51 percent and third among Big 12 schools. Nebraska's one-class average for football students entering school in 1996, is 59 percent, five percentage points higher than the national average and UNL average of 54 percent. For all student-athletes who entered school in 1996, Nebraska ranks second in the Big 12 with an outstanding 68 percent graduation rate.

Nebraska was one of nine schools honored by the American Football Coaches Association, when the school received the 2002 Academic Achievement Award in late June. Nebraska was recognized for graduating 90 percent or more of its football student-athletes from the freshman class of 1996-97.

**Did You Know?**

Since Coach Frank Solich's first year at the helm in 1998, 109 of his 122 seniors have earned their degree, including 25 of 29 last season. Nine members of this year's senior class have already earned their degrees, with 11 more on track to graduate in December.

**College Football**

**Consecutive Home Sellouts**

- 1. Nebraska\* 259
  - 2. Notre Dame 169
  - 3. Michigan 117
  - 4. Florida 88
- \*-NCAA Record

**Memorial Stadium Milestone Sellouts**

Sellout #	Date	Opp.	Result
1	11-3-62	Missouri	L, 16-7
50	10-2-71	Utah St.	W, 42-6
100	9-29-79	Penn St.	W, 42-17
150	9-12-87	UCLA	W, 42-33
200	10-29-94	Colorado	W, 24-7
250	9-7-02	Utah State	W, 44-13

**Nebraska's Longest Home Win Streaks**

Wins	Dates	Ended By
47	10-19-91 to 10-31-98	Texas (20-16)
33	9-28-01 to 10-20-06	Iowa St. (14-2)
26	11-27-98 to 11-2-02	Texas (27-24)
23	9-27-69 to 11-23-72	Okla. (17-14)
21	10-3-81 to 11-17-84	Okla. (17-7)

- ▶ Sophomore receiver **Ross Pilkington** spent two seasons playing minor league baseball before joining the Nebraska program and plays with the poise of a veteran. Also a physical downfield blocker, Pilkington is tied with Herian for the team lead in receptions with 12 for 175 yards, an average of nearly 15 yards per reception. Pilkington caught a 44-yard TD pass from Lord at Southern Miss and has a catch in six straight games.
- ▶ Sophomore wideout **Mark LeFlore** is Nebraska's co-No. 1 "Z" receiver and ranks third on the team with six catches for 41 yards, including a career-high three catches against Troy State.
- ▶ Redshirt freshman **Isaiah Fluellen** is among the fastest players on the Husker roster and has emerged as a big-play threat in recent weeks. Fluellen hauled in a 43-yard TD reception on the first catch of his Husker career at Southern Miss and carried on a pair of reverse plays against Troy State.

**Dyches Heads Newcomers Making Impact for 2003 Huskers**

Last season a group of newcomers made a strong impact on the Nebraska football program. Five true freshmen saw action for Coach Frank Solich last fall and all made their presence known. In fact, three of the five scored touchdowns the first time they touched the ball as a Husker. Cornerback **Fabian Washington** set NU freshman records for pass breakups and interceptions, I-back **David Horne** finished third on the team in rushing, while split end **Ross Pilkington** and tight end **Matt Herian** tied for the Husker rookie receiving yardage record.

Another talented group of newcomers could have a similar impact for Nebraska this fall. Place-kicker **David Dyches** has been Nebraska's headline newcomer so far in 2003. Dyches has connected on 10-of-13 field goal attempts this year, including four each against Utah State and Penn State. The Spring, Texas, native ranks third nationally in field goals per game (2.5 pg) and is 10th in the nation in scoring at 9.75 points per game. Dyches is just the third Husker place-kicker (five times) and first freshman to connect on four or more field goals in a game.

Five other true freshman have already seen action this season, including wide receiver **Andy Birkel**, defensive tackle **Brandon Teamer**, long snapper **Lane Kelly**, quarterback **Joe Dailey** and offensive guard **Greg Austin**. Dailey has been impressive as Nebraska's No. 2 quarterback, connecting on 6-of-9 passes for 72 yards and a touchdown, while rushing for 76 yards on 14 carries. Austin made his NU debut against Troy State, becoming the first true freshman offensive lineman to play for Nebraska since 1999, when both Toniui Fonoti and John Garrison saw action as true freshmen.

**Personnel, Injury Update**

Three Husker starters missed the Troy State game with injuries, including offensive guard **Jake Andersen**, nose tackle **Ryon Bingham** and strong safety **Philip Bland**. Solich is hopeful that all three could return to action this week at Missouri.

Senior fullback **DeAntae Grixby** has missed the first five games after suffering an ankle injury during fall camp, but has resumed running and was in uniform against Troy State. Nebraska has suffered just one season-ending injury this season, a severe knee injury by senior place-kicker **Dale Endorf**.

Junior linebacker **Lannie Hopkins** missed much of fall camp while recovering from off-season surgery, played on special teams in the season opener, but has sat out the past four games. Sixth-year senior defensive lineman **Jason Lohr** did not play in Nebraska's first three games, but saw his first action in two seasons at Southern Miss and also played against Troy State and shared a tackle for loss. Cornerback **Willie Amos** has played in three games this season after a comeback from a severe knee injury suffered in the spring of 2002.

**Nine Players Competing in 2003 With Degree in Hand**

Nine members of the Huskers' senior class had already completed their undergraduate educations heading into the 2003 season. This season represents the most graduates Nebraska has had entering a season under Head Coach Frank Solich. Included in that group is senior nose tackle **Patrick Kabongo**, who played his junior season with his degree after graduating in three years in August of 2002. In addition to the nine players who already have their degrees, 11 more players are on track to earn their degrees after the fall semester. Last season, five Huskers played the entire season with their degree and a total of 16 Nebraska players had earned their degrees before the Huskers' appearance in the Independence Bowl.

Player	Major	Grad. Date
Chad Buller	Business Admin.	Aug. 2003
DeAntae Grixby	Business Admin.	May 2003
Patrick Kabongo	Criminal Justice	Aug. 2002
Jason Lohr	Sociology	May 2003
Jammal Lord	Comm. Studies	Aug. 2003
Phil Peetz	Criminal Justice	May 2003
Jerrell Pippens	Comm. Studies	Aug. 2003
Pat Ricketts	Business Admin.	Aug. 2003
Steve Safranek	Psychology	Dec. 2002

**Nebraska Tops Elite Programs in Consistency**

Nebraska ranks third among Division I-A schools in all-time football victories with 776 wins. The Huskers have the nation's best record since 1962, posting a 410-85-5 record in the last 42 seasons. In that period, Nebraska has easily been the most consistent program in the nation. That is evident when comparing the Huskers' record to the other nine programs among the top 10 in all-time victories.

The Huskers have had just three seasons (including 2002) since 1962 with eight or fewer victories. Eight of the other nine schools in the top 10 have had at least 15 seasons with eight or fewer wins in that span. Nebraska's last losing season occurred in 1961. Michigan has not had a losing record since 1967, but the other eight schools on the all-time top 10 wins list have all had losing seasons since 1988, including six programs with losing campaigns in the past seven seasons.

**Family Connections**

Family is one of the first things that comes to mind in the Nebraska football program. It starts at the top, as Coach Frank Solich and five of his assistants played football at Nebraska. From there it includes a number of father-son and brother combinations who have worn the scarlet and cream. There are several such family connections on the 2003 roster.

**The brother combination list includes...**

FSDan (2000-present) and LB Jamie Burrow (1997-2001); CB Cole (2002-present) and SE Brandon Biodrowski (2001-present); WR Adam (2001-present) and WB Troy Hassebroek (1998-2002); LB Adam (2001-present) and DB Matt Ickes (1998-2001); LBs Barrett (2001-present) and Bo Ruud (2003-present); CB Andrew (2002-present) and SLB Scott Shanle (1998-2002); SS Shane (2001-present) and FB Scott Siegel (2003-present); DE Tyler (2000-present) and DE Travis Toline (1995-98); SS Delrick (2001-present) and LB Jamel Williams (1994-96); and OG Mike (2000-present) and WR Dan Erickson (2003-present). The Huskers welcomed the first set of scholarship twins in the program's history in 2001 in sophomores Josh (FS) and Daniel Bullocks (SS).

Second generation Huskers include the Burrows (father Jim played in 1974-75 and was a graduate assistant for NU); senior IB Josh Davis (father Tony played in 1973-75); QB Brett Lindstrom (father Dan played in 1978-80); LBs Bo and Barrett Ruud (father Tom played in 1972-74 and Ruud's great-grandfather Clarence Swanson played for NU from 1918 to 1921 and is a member of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame); DE Trevor Johnson (father Robert wrestled for NU in 1973-76) and SS Shane and FB Scott Siegel (father Robert played basketball for NU in 1974-77); WR Ross Pilkington (father Greg played for 1971 NU freshman team and led the team in rushing).

Nebraska defensive coordinator Bo Pelini oversees a defensive staff that includes his older brother, Carl, a graduate assistant coach for the Huskers.

**Huskers in the NFL**

Nebraska had 42 players on NFL rosters at the start of 2003 training camp. Thirty-two former are currently NFL rosters, including 27 on active rosters, two on injured reserve and four players on practice squads.

- Kris Brown, PK, Houston
- Josh Brown, PK, Seattle
- Mike Brown, FS, Chicago
- Ralph Brown, CB, N.Y. Giants
- Correll Buckhalter, RB, Philadelphia
- Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans
- Dahrran Diedrick, RB, Green Bay (Practice Squad)
- Chris Dishman, OG, Arizona
- Clint Finley, S, Kansas City (Practice Squad)
- Toniu Fonoti, OG, San Diego (Injured Reserve)
- Jay Foreman, LB, Houston
- Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay
- DeJuan Groce, CB, St. Louis
- Russ Hochstein, OG, New England (Practice Squad)
- Chris Kelsay, DE, Buffalo
- Bill Laffeur, P, San Francisco
- Eric Johnson, DB, Oakland
- Mike Minter, SS, Carolina
- John Parrella, DT, Oakland
- Carlos Polk, LB, San Diego
- Dominic Raiola, C, Detroit
- Mike Rucker, DE, Carolina
- Cory Schlesinger, FB, Detroit
- Scott Shanle, LB, St. Louis
- Will Shields, OG, Kansas City
- Adam Treu, C, Oakland
- Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona (Injured Reserve)
- Dave Volk, OT, Dallas
- Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City
- Zach Wiegert, OT, Houston
- Tyrone Williams, CB, Atlanta
- Grant Wistrom, DE, St. Louis

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Nebraska is back in the national rankings after opening the season with a 5-0 record and hopes to contend for Big 12 and national honors in 2003. The Huskers need look no further than the top 10 winningest programs for direction. Although each has experienced a downturn of some degree, the group had a strong season in 2002. Eight of the 10 teams won at least nine games and ranked in the top 16 in the final Associated Press poll. This season seven of those teams find themselves ranked in the most recent Associated Press poll.

**College Football's 10 Winningest Programs**

School	All-Time Wins	Most Recent Losing Season	Seasons With 8 or Fewer wins Since 1962
Michigan	827	4-6, 1967	16
Notre Dame	792	5-6, 2001	22
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>3-6-1, 1961</b>	<b>3</b>
Texas	770	4-7, 1997	20
Alabama	756	3-8, 2000	15
Penn State	755	5-6, 2001	16
Ohio State	750	4-6-1, 1988	8
Tennessee	730	5-6, 1988	22
Oklahoma	730	5-6, 1998	21
USC	699	5-7, 2000	25

**Against AP Ranked Teams**

With its season-opening victory over 24th-ranked Oklahoma State, Nebraska improved to 90-96-3 (.484, 189 games) all time vs. AP ranked opponents, not a bad percentage considering NU started with a 7-35 mark before Coach Bob Devaney arrived in 1962. Over the last 10 seasons, the Huskers have gone 29-14 against ranked foes, with just two of the losses at home. Nebraska has won 14 of its last 19 games against top 10 AP teams (since 1994).

The Huskers were 0-4 last season against AP ranked opponents, and ended a six-game overall losing skid against ranked foes with the victory over Oklahoma State. Nebraska's previous victory over a ranked opponent was a 20-10 defeat of No. 2 Oklahoma on Oct. 27, 2001.

Over the last 31 years, NU is 72-49-1 (.594, 122 games) vs. ranked teams. In the 1990s, NU was 27-10-1 (counting the Jan. 2, 2000, win over Tennessee). Solich is 11-12 vs. ranked teams (4-5 vs. top 10 AP teams), and has lost just twice at home to a ranked AP team (7-2 home, 1-8 away, 3-2 neutral). The Huskers have two future 2003 opponents currently ranked in the AP poll, including No. 11 Texas and 22nd-ranked Kansas State.

**Former Huskers a Fixture on NFL Rosters**

Nebraska is consistently among the nation's leaders in supplying talent to the National Football League and this season is no different. The Huskers had a total of 42 former players on NFL rosters at the start of this fall's training camp and 32 players are currently on NFL rosters. In all, 19 teams had at least one former Husker on their opening day rosters, with Kansas City, Houston, St. Louis and Oakland each having three former Huskers on their opening rosters.

All four Huskers selected in the 2003 NFL Draft made opening day rosters, including Chris Kelsay (2nd round, Buffalo), DeJuan Groce (4th, St. Louis), Josh Brown (7th, Seattle) and Scott Shanle (7th, St. Louis). Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro offensive guard Will Shields and Oakland Raiders defensive tackle John Parrella are Nebraska's most experienced NFL veterans, each entering their 11th season in the league. A full list of Nebraska's NFL players is in the left column.

**Historical Husker Notes...**

**Unprecedented Winning Tradition Continues**

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 776-308-40 record in 1,124 games (.708) in 114 years of football. In the last 35 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 342-67-5 for an .832 winning percentage (414 games), an average of nearly 10 wins per year.

NU has won 10-or-more games 22 times in the Devaney/Osborne/Solich eras (since 1962), went undefeated and untied through the regular season seven times, played in 13 national title games (for at least one of the teams) and won the championship five times. Since the first Nebraska season in 1890, Husker teams have won 11 or more games 12 times, including seven of the last 10 years. NU has won 12 or more games seven times, and 13 games three times (1971, 1994 and 1997).

Nebraska (702), Michigan (705), Alabama (728) and Notre Dame (736) were the only four programs to win 700 games in the 1900s. NU became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in consecutive decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

**Huskers Making Bid for NCAA-Record 35th Consecutive Bowl Appearance**

Nebraska's visit to the 2002 Mainstay Independence Bowl marked the Huskers' 34th consecutive bowl game, the nation's longest current consecutive streak and an all-time NCAA record. Michigan's streak of consecutive bowl appearances reached 28 last year, the second-longest streak in NCAA history. Nebraska's 41 overall bowl appearances is tied for fourth best with USC, trailing Alabama's 51, Tennessee's 43 and Texas' 42.

Nebraska played the first of its 41 bowls in the Rose Bowl, when No. 7 Nebraska lost to No. 2 Stanford, 21-13, following the 1940 season. NU's 34 consecutive bowls began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. The Huskers are 20-21 all-time in bowl games, 2-3 under Head Coach Frank Solich. The Huskers made 17 straight January bowl appearances from 1981 to 1997, five more than the next longest streak.

**All-Time Bowl Appearances**

1. Alabama	51
2. Tennessee	43
3. Texas	42
4. <b>Nebraska</b>	<b>41</b>
USC	41

**Consecutive Bowl Appearances**

Rank, Team	Most	Current
1. <b>Nebraska</b>	<b>*34</b>	<b>*34</b>
2. Michigan	28	28
3. Alabama	25	--

\*NCAA record

## Huskers Come From Near and Far

Nebraska has a great history of attracting the top in-state high school talent to Lincoln. However, with a population base of just 1.7 million people, Nebraska has had to look across the United States and beyond for recruits. The 2003 roster is no different.

Seventy-nine of 150 players (53 percent) on Nebraska's 2003 roster call the Cornhusker State home. Omaha leads the way with 18 players on this year's roster, with 13 players from Lincoln staying within the city limits to play for Nebraska.

Nebraska is just one of 25 states represented on the 2003 roster. Texas is home to 15 Huskers, including six in the 2003 scholarship class. Colorado (9) and California (5) are just behind. From the international ranks, Nebraska has a pair of players from Canada (Sandro DeAngelis and Patrick Kabongo) and one from Germany (Isaiah Fluellen). In addition, sophomore defensive tackle Seppo Ewvaraye is a native of Finland who was an exchange student in Laurel, Neb.

## Walk-on Program Remains Critical Part of Husker Success

Nebraska has long been recognized as having the top walk-on program in college football. The tradition continues with four Huskers who began their collegiate careers as walk-on student-athletes currently listed No. 1 at their position.

Senior center **Josh Sewell**, a Lincoln native, began his career at Indiana State and joined the Huskers as a walk-on in 2000. Senior wide receiver **Tim Liley** has seen limited playing time in his first three seasons, but now shares the No. 1 spot at "Z" receiver. Cornerback **Pat Ricketts** has been a steady contributor throughout his NU career and is No. 1 at right cornerback with Lornell McPherson. **Kyle Larson** is the latest in a run of standout punters who began their NU careers as walk-ons. The 2002 Ray Guy Award semifinalist followed Mike Stigge, Jesse Kosch, Bill Lafleur and Dan Hadenfeldt as NU's starting punter.

Eighteen of the 68 players (26 percent) listed among the top three units on NU's preseason depth chart began their Husker careers as walk-ons.

## 2002 Comeback at A&M Historic

Nebraska pulled off a historic come-from-behind victory at Texas A&M last season. In the game, Nebraska rallied from a 31-14 third-quarter deficit to post a 38-31 victory at Kyle Field. A few notes on Nebraska's comeback victory at A&M last season.

► The 17-point rally tied the top comeback in school history and was Nebraska's best under Head Coach Frank Solich. NU trailed 17-0 in the first quarter of its 1991 game at Kansas, but rallied to win 59-23.

► The second-largest deficit Nebraska has overcome to win under Solich was 10 points against Missouri on Oct. 24, 1998, in Lincoln. NU trailed 13-3 in the second quarter, but rallied for a 20-13 win.

► The last time Nebraska rallied from a bigger deficit entering the fourth quarter was on Oct. 22, 1966, at Colorado. The Huskers trailed 19-7 entering the fourth quarter, but rallied for a 21-19 victory vs. the Buffs.

► Before the A&M game, NU had not won a game when trailing at any point in the fourth quarter since a 34-32 victory over Colorado on Nov. 24, 2000. CU led 32-31 late in the game, but NU's Josh Brown hit a game-winning field goal on the last play of the contest. The CU win marked the first time since statistics have been kept (since 1946) that the Huskers won on the last play of regulation.

## NU Owns 41 Consecutive Winning Regular Seasons

Nebraska saw its streak of 40 consecutive winning seasons end with last year's 7-7 record, capped by a 27-23 loss to Ole Miss in the Independence Bowl. Nebraska's streak of 40 consecutive winning seasons fell two years short of Notre Dame's NCAA record run of 42 straight winning campaigns from 1889 to 1932.

The Huskers still boast 41 consecutive winning regular seasons and 41 straight years with a .500 or better finish. Nebraska's 41 straight non-losing seasons is third all-time in NCAA Division I-A, behind Penn State's 49 (1939-87) and Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932). Since Nebraska's 41-year .500 or better streak began (1962), the Huskers have averaged nearly 10 wins per season with a 409-85-5 record (.825).

## Huskers Look to Return to Nine-Win Season Tradition

Nebraska's amazing run of nine-win seasons came to an end at 33 consecutive years in 2002. The streak is even more remarkable when considering that Texas and Miami now share the lead for most consecutive nine-win seasons with five apiece. Florida had been second on the list to Nebraska, but the Gators' streak came to an end at 12 seasons last fall.

The 33-year nine-win streak becomes even more impressive when comparing it to the best stretches among other college football powers. Texas' current run of five consecutive nine-win seasons is the longest in its proud history. Miami reeled off 10 straight nine-win campaigns spanning the 1980s and 1990s, and Florida State had a 14-year streak that ended in 2000. However, among a group of other long-time powers, including Notre Dame, Penn State, Oklahoma, Michigan and Ohio State, the longest streak of nine-win seasons is eight years by both Oklahoma and Ohio State.

Heading into the 2003 season, Nebraska had won nine or more games in 38 of the past 41 seasons. Only back-to-back 6-4 records in 1967 and 1968, and last season's 7-7 mark, have fallen short of the nine-win plateau.

## NCAA Record 259 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska saw the end of some incredible streaks in 2002, but one streak that is in no danger of ending is the NCAA record 259 consecutive sellouts at Memorial Stadium. The sellout streak dates back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). Notre Dame is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 169, 90 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 231-28 during the 259 sellouts (50-9 under Devaney, 145-16 under Osborne, 36-3 under Solich). The mark includes a 38-20 record against ranked teams. Nebraska is 5-0 in the five milestone sellouts during that period (50th, 100th, 150th, 200th and 250th sellouts), including a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado on Oct. 29, 1994 (No. 200) and a 44-13 victory over Utah State on Sept. 7, 2002 (No. 250).

## Memorial Stadium Magic

Nebraska's record home sellout streak is testament to the Huskers playing in front of the nation's best college football fans. On the field, Nebraska has rewarded the loyalty of the Husker Nation with incredible success at Memorial Stadium through the years.

Nebraska had a nation-leading 26-game home winning streak end last season with a November loss to Texas. The loss ended the third-longest home winning streak in school history and Nebraska's third home win streak of 20 games or more since 1980, including a school-record 47-game home winning streak from 1991 to 1998.

The Huskers finished 6-2 at home last season and have won at least six home games each of the past 16 seasons. Nebraska is 99-5 at home the last 16 years, losing to two teams that went on to win shares of the national championship (Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991), to Texas in 1998 and 2002 and to Colorado in 2002.

The Huskers are 466-124-20 (.780, 610 games, 114 years) in Lincoln, 341-101-13 (.764, 455 games, 81 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923) and 36-3 at home under Coach Solich, including a current four-game win streak. The 2002 season marked the first time Nebraska has lost two home games in a season since 1980.

Nebraska is 143-12 at Memorial Stadium since 1981, with eight of those losses coming against teams that finished in the top six in the final AP poll. Since 1986 (18 seasons), NU is 110-7 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado (twice), Washington, Oklahoma (twice) and Texas (twice).

Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (225 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons. Husker faithful set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium last year against Texas with 78,268 fans.

## Huskers Continue to Lead Nation in Academic Honors

Nebraska continues to lead the nation in Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for all sports and all teams with 203; in first-team winners for all sports with 107; and also leads the nation in football academic honor winners with 59 first-team certificates and 76 football all-teams certificates. The 203 overall honorees is 54 better than second-place Notre Dame, while the 59 football honorees is 21 more than second-place Notre Dame's 38.

Last season, Nebraska had four players named to the Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII first team—fullback Judd Davies, rush end Chris Kelsay, cornerback Pat Ricketts and tight end Kyle Ringenberg. Davies and Ricketts each posted a perfect 4.0 grade-point average during the fall 2002 semester. Seven other Huskers were second-team all-district selections, led by linebacker Chad Sievers, who owns a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average.

The Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 30 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners and 20 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, including Kelsay last season.

**NU Among Leaders in AP National Titles**

Notre Dame leads the nation by winning eight Associated Press national titles since 1936, with Oklahoma (7), Alabama (6), Miami (5), Nebraska (4) and Minnesota (4) rounding out the top five. While the Huskers were awarded the national title by the coaches in 1997, NU finished second to Michigan in the Associated Press poll. In 1970, NU was awarded the AP national title, but not the coaches (Texas was first, Ohio State second and NU third) as the final poll was released before the bowl games were played. In the coaches poll (since 1950), Nebraska is tied for third with USC and Miami with four titles, behind Alabama and Oklahoma with six apiece.

**Misc. Notes...**

► **FieldTurf...**Nebraska is 30-3 on FieldTurf (including 0-1 at KSU), the artificial grass surface installed in NU's Memorial Stadium before the 1999 season. FieldTurf emulates the look and feel of blades of grass by blending polyethylene and polypropylene, which specially treats the surface to be soft, smooth and strong. The 2.50-inch blades are resistant to extremes in temperature and have an ultraviolet protectant to help resist fading. Memorial Stadium was filled with 200,000 pounds of ground rubber, recycled from Nebraska tires, and silica sand, before the turf was installed. NU was the first Division I school to install the surface, which has also been installed at other professional facilities and Division I schools. Memorial Stadium featured a grass playing field from its opening in 1923 through the 1969 season. Astro-Turf was first installed in 1970 and replaced in 1977. Artificial All-Pro Turf was installed in 1984 and replaced with AstroTurf-8 in 1992, before the FieldTurf was installed in July of 1999.

► **Positively Speaking on Turnovers...**In the last 28 years, NU has had just two seasons with a negative turnover margin (minus five in 1984; minus three in 2002). Under Solich, NU has a cumulative turnover margin of plus-20. The Huskers have opened the 2003 season with 19 takeaways in five games, while turning the ball over 10 times on offense.

► **In Overtime...**The Huskers are 3-0 in overtime games, defeating Missouri, 45-38, in Columbia in 1997; Colorado, 33-30, in Boulder in 1999; and Notre Dame in South Bend, 27-24, in 2000. In 1997, Missouri won the coin toss and Nebraska scored in three plays on a 12-yard Scott Frost run, then held the Tigers. Against CU, Nebraska won the coin toss, held the Buffs to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a one-yard Eric Crouch run. Against Notre Dame, NU won the toss, chose defense, held the Irish to a field goal, then scored five plays later on a Crouch seven-yard run. All three of NU's overtime wins were on the road and were won by rushing touchdowns (two by Crouch).

**NU First to Win 100 Games in Back-to-Back Decades**

Nebraska recorded its 100th win of the 1990s with a 40-10 win over Missouri in Columbia on Sept. 25, 1999, and finished with a 108-16-1 mark in the decade (.868, second behind Florida State). Nebraska is the first Division I program to win 100-plus games in consecutive decades, as NU won 103 games to 20 losses in the 1980s. The only other team to post 100-plus wins in the 1980s was Brigham Young with 102 wins and 26 losses. Oklahoma (102-13-3) and Alabama (103-16-1) posted 100-plus wins in the 1970s, while Nebraska came close to achieving the mark in three consecutive decades, as NU won 98 games in the 1970s. Florida State finished the 1990s with a 109-13-1 record (.890, first), but had just 87 wins in the 1980s.

By decade, the Huskers were 75-30-1 in the 1960s (.712), 98-20-4 in the 1970s (.820, fifth nationally), 103-20-0 in the 1980s (.837, first), 108-16-1 in the 1990s (second) and are 33-11 in this decade. Nebraska's 1990s record was aided by an unprecedented 60-3 five-year run from 1993 to 1997. Nebraska owns the best record over the past three-plus decades with a 339-67-5 record, including an NCAA-best 309-56-5 record (.842) from 1960 to 1999. The Huskers have not lost more than 20 games in any of the last three decades.

**NU Leads Conference in Crowns**

Nebraska and Oklahoma are the only teams to capture two Big 12 titles in the first seven years of the Big 12 Conference. The Huskers won titles in 1997 and 1999, and appeared in the league title game in 1996, one of only two teams to make three appearances in the Big 12 Championship Game.

In the last 10 years, Nebraska has won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12). Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney, 13 under Coach Tom Osborne and one under Coach Solich. Oklahoma has won 35 conference championships.

**Big 12 History**

Division Winners			
Year	North	South	Big 12 Champ
1996	Nebraska	Texas	Texas
1997	Nebraska	Tx. A&M	Nebraska
1998	Kansas St.	Tx. A&M	Texas A&M
1999	Nebraska	Texas	Nebraska
2000	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2001	Colorado	Texas	Colorado
2002	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma

**Nebraska Owns 15 NCAA Rushing Crowns**

The Huskers are striving for more offensive balance this season and look to become more efficient through the air. However, it is unlikely that anyone will confuse Nebraska with the BYU offense of the 1980s. Nebraska has opened the season by running the ball on more than 80 percent of its offensive snaps through five games. Nebraska is averaging 241.0 yards per game on the ground to rank sixth nationally.

Nebraska has become known for a dominant running game and has the statistics and history to back it. The Huskers have led the nation in rushing 15 times in school history, most recently winning back-to-back rushing crowns in 2000 and 2001. Nebraska has won the rushing title seven times in the last 11 years and collected 13 of the last 23 titles. Since 1978, Nebraska has ranked in the top six in rushing average every year and has averaged 300 or more yards rushing per game in all but five of the last 26 years (1993, 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2002).

Last season Nebraska finished the season averaging 268.7 yards per game on the ground. The Huskers' rushing average led the Big 12 Conference and ranked fourth nationally. Nebraska averaged just less than 300 yards rushing per game over its final nine contests.

**More Husker Rushing Numbers**

► Nebraska is 193-7-0 in the last 30 years when rushing for 300 or more yards in a game, most recently 337 vs. Penn State.

► The Huskers had won 110 straight when rushing for 300-plus yards before a 62-36 loss at Colorado in 2001. Last season Nebraska lost to Texas 27-24 despite rushing for 320 yards.

► NU is 96-0 since 1973 when rushing for 400 or more yards, most recently 444 yards vs. McNeese State (2002).

► The Huskers have had 376 100-yard rushing performances all time (63 under Coach Solich, most recently Josh Davis, 179, and Jammal Lord, 100, vs. Penn State), including 59 games in which two or more Huskers rushed for 100 yards (most recently vs. Penn State).

► Four Huskers cracked the century mark against Baylor on Oct. 13, 2001 (Collins, Diedrick, Crouch, Davies).

► Before the Baylor contest in 2001, NU had three rushers top the 100-yard mark in a game twice in school history—Kansas, 2000 (Dan Alexander, Correll Buckhalter and Eric Crouch) and Arizona State, 1988 (Ken Clark, Steve Taylor and Terry Rodgers).

► Jammal Lord's 234-yard effort vs. Texas last season (NU quarterback record) was NU's 32nd all-time 200-yard performance.

► Among current Huskers, Lord has six 100-yard games (1 in 2003, 5 in 2002), 1-back David Horne had three 100-yard outings as a true freshman last season, fullback Judd Davies topped 100 yards at Baylor in 2001, and Josh Davis joined the century club with 179 yards on 32 carries against Penn State.

► Nebraska is 28-2 under Solich when the team rushes for 300 or more yards; 11-0 when rushing for 400 or more and 2-0 when rushing for 500 or more.

**NU National Rushing Crowns**

Year	Rush YPG
1963	262.6
1965	290.0
1980	378.3
1982	394.3
1983	401.7
1985	374.3
1988	382.3
1989	375.3
1991	353.2
1992	328.2
1994	340.0
1995	399.8
1997	392.6
2000	349.3
2001	314.7

## Memorial Stadium Not a Friendly Place for Non-Conference Foes

Memorial Stadium has been one of the nation's most difficult stadiums for opposing teams, especially for Nebraska's non-conference opponents. The Huskers have won 35 straight home games against non-conference opponents since a 1991 loss to Washington. That streak is only part of Nebraska's remarkable success against non-league opponents not only in Lincoln, but overall, including...

- ▶ The Huskers have lost just five home games against non-conference opponents since 1970 (Washington, 1991; Florida State, 1985; Penn State, 1981; Florida State, 1980; Washington State, 1977).
- ▶ Nebraska is 39-2 overall in the last 10 seasons (1993-2002) in regular-season non-conference games, losing only at Penn State last season, and at Arizona State in 1996.
- ▶ Nebraska is 7-2 since 1990 against ranked non-conference opponents in regular-season matchups.

▶ Solich is 34-9 when a Husker rushes for at least 100 yards, and 8-10 when an opponent has a 100-yard rusher (most recently 137 yards by Colorado's Brian Calhoun).

▶ NU has lost its last seven games when allowing a 100-yard rusher.

▶ Kansas State (97 yards) and Iowa State (81 yards) limited Nebraska to less than 100 yards rushing in 2002. The Huskers have been held to less than 100 yards on the ground just three times under Frank Solich (also Oklahoma State in 1998).

▶ Nebraska rushed for an NCAA and school-bowl-record 524 yards vs. Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl on a school-bowl-record 68 attempts with a school-bowl-record six rushing touchdowns. NU also had six rushing touchdowns in the 1998 Orange Bowl vs. Tennessee.

## Getting to the Points

Nebraska has never had difficulty putting points on the scoreboard. Last season, the Huskers averaged 27.4 points per game, marking the first time since 1978 Nebraska did not average at least 30 points.

The Huskers have a long history of ranking among the nation's leaders in scoring offense and have posted some amazing offensive numbers.

▶ NU has averaged more than 35 points a game 15 times in the last 17 years.

▶ NU has averaged 40 or more points eight times since 1982, including four of the last eight seasons.

▶ Entering 2003, the Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average 22 of the last 25 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997).

▶ Nebraska is 304-2 all time when scoring 35 or more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950 and at Colorado, 62-36, in 2001. Before the loss at Colorado two seasons ago, NU had won 236 consecutive games when scoring 35 or more points.

▶ The last time the Huskers were shut out was a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996. Nebraska has since scored in 94 straight games.

▶ NU has not been shut out at home since KSU shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (225 games).

▶ The Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. The Huskers have not been shut out by a conference opponent since a 27-0 loss at Oklahoma in 1973. NU was shut out by Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl (22-0), the only time the Huskers have been shut out in a bowl game.

▶ The Huskers have scored 30 or more points in six of their last eight bowl games, including a school and NCAA bowl-record 66 vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

▶ NU's 2003 opponents have scored just seven points in the second half, and Nebraska holds a 60-0 scoring advantage in the third quarter.

## A Look at the Numbers

### Scoring Drives

Nebraska has shown the ability to march on time-consuming scoring drives, while also showing quick-strike capability through the first five games. Nebraska's longest drive this season in terms of plays, yardage and time was an impressive 16-play, 80-yard touchdown drive against Penn State to open the second half. The drive ate up 8:12 on the clock, which made it NU's most time-consuming drive since an 8:13 drive against Iowa State in 2001. Nebraska owns five scoring drives of 10 or more plays and eight of the Huskers' 25 scoring drives have lasted longer than four minutes. However, all six of Nebraska's scoring drives at Southern Miss lasted six or fewer plays, 1:35 or less, and covered 47 or fewer yards. NU produced its shortest drive of the year with a one-play, one-yard drive that took four seconds midway through the second quarter against Utah State. NU struck even quicker at Southern Miss, with a one-play, 44-yard drive that miraculously took just three seconds. NU capped the game at Southern Miss with a two-play, 47-yard drive that took 52 seconds. The Huskers added a pair of three-play drives and a four-play drive against the Golden Eagles, while adding a two-play drive and a pair of four-play drives against Troy State to give NU 11 drives of five or fewer plays this season. Southern Miss owns the longest scoring drive against Nebraska in every category with a 17-play, 92-yard march that took 7:46 in the fourth quarter. Penn State managed the shortest drive in all three categories with its three-play, 29-yard touchdown drive that lasted just 49 seconds.

Game	Scoring		Time	Plays			
	Drives	Total		Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less
Oklahoma St.	2	5:34	2:47	14	7.0	1	0
Utah State	7	21:35	3:05	54	7.7	2	1
Penn State	5	22:30	4:30	47	9.4	0	0
Southern Miss	6	6:16	1:03	19	3.2	5	1
Troy State	5	10:30	2:06	25	5.0	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>66:25</b>	<b>2:39</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17:55</b>	<b>2:59</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

### Long Season Plays (20 or more yards)

Nebraska showed its explosiveness in the win over Southern Miss. The Huskers unleashed eight long plays against USM, including the longest run, kickoff return and interception return of the season. I-back Robin Miller owns NU's longest run with his career-long 47-yard touchdown run against Southern Miss. Josh Bullocks produced NU's longest return of any kind with his 41-yard interception return against USM, while Josh Davis added a season-long 40-yard kickoff return.

NU showed more big-play ability in the win over Troy State with Jammal Lord connecting with Matt Herian on a 77-yard pass for the Huskers' longest play of any kind this season. Cory Ross also matched NU's longest punt return of the year with his 30-yard return, as the Huskers struck for six long plays overall against the Trojans.

Nebraska has produced 27 plays of 20 yards or more, including 10 rushes, nine passes, three kickoff returns, three punt returns and two interception returns. Opponents own 17 long plays against the Huskers, including seven long passes, nine long kickoff returns and one long punt return. Southern Miss produced six long plays, including Marvin Young's opponent long 37-yard punt return. Young added the second-longest return of the year with his 11-yard return, which are the only two punt returns of more than 10 yards against the Huskers. Three of USM's other long plays came on kickoff returns. USM's Tim Blackwell matched the longest opponent run with his 17-yard gallop to match Utah State's David Fiefla. Troy State's Aaron Leak added a 17-yard run to match the opponent long, which was also TSU's longest play from scrimmage against the Huskers.

Lord has shown big-play ability with both his right arm and his legs with eight long passes, including five of longer than 30 yards. Lord has added a pair of long runs with a 27-yard sprint against OSU and a 26-yard run against Penn State. Davis has added big plays in every phase of his game with three long rushes (42 vs. PSU, 23 vs. USM, 20 vs. USU), two long punt returns (30 vs. USU, 26 vs. PSU) and three long kickoff returns (40 vs. USM, 32 vs. OSU, 30 vs. USU). Oklahoma State's Vernand Morency produced the longest play by an NU opponent with his 46-yard kickoff return. Utah State's Jerome Davis had three long kickoff returns of 43, 27 and 21 yards against the Huskers. USU's Travis Cox connected with Chris Cooley for a 41-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter for the longest play from scrimmage against NU.

	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Return	Total	Rush	Pass	Return	Total
OSU	1	1	1	3	0	1	2	3
USU	3	1	2	6	0	2	3	5
PSU	2	1	1	4	0	2	0	2
USM	3	3	2	8	0	2	4	6
TSU	1	3	2	6	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>

### Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska has made frequent journeys into the opponent's red zone, averaging 5.4 red zone opportunities through the first five games. The Huskers have made 27 trips into the red zone and have come away with 19 total scores (70.4 percent), including 10 touchdowns and nine field goals. In 2002, Nebraska made a total of just 43 trips into the red zone in 14 games, for an average of just 3.1 red zone trips per contest. The Huskers did not create five red zone chances in a single game in 2002, a feat they achieved in four of the first five games in 2003. While the Huskers have found their way into the red zone with relative ease on offense, the Blackshirt defense has closed the door on opponents. Troy State was shut out of NU's red zone in the Huskers' 30-0 shutout of the Trojans, while Utah State was also held out of the Nebraska red zone. Penn State and Oklahoma State both came away with just one red zone penetration against the Huskers. Southern Miss managed an opponent season-high three trips into the red zone, but came away with just two scores. Nebraska's five opponents have averaged just one red zone penetration per game in 2003. Last season, NU's 14 opponents drove into the red zone 47 times - 3.4 red zone opportunities per game.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TOs	Downs	Gm.	
OSU	5	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	.400
USU	8	7	3	4	0	1	0	0	.875
PSU	6	4	1	3	1	1	0	0	.667
USM	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
TSU	5	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	.600
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.704</b>
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.800</b>

Note: Nebraska has 10 rushing TDs, no passing TDs and 9 FGs in the red zone. Opponents have two rushing TDs, two passing TDs and no FGs in the red zone.

### Nebraska Points Off Turnovers

Nebraska owns a plus-nine turnover margin, including an impressive plus-four turnover margin that NU converted into 21 points in the win at Southern Miss. The Blackshirt defense has recovered 10 fumbles and intercepted nine passes, including five interceptions by sophomore free safety Josh Bullocks. Last season, Nebraska managed just eight fumble recoveries in 14 games, while All-American DeJuan Groce and cornerback Fabian Washington tied for the NU lead with four interceptions. The defense scored its first touchdown of the season on junior linebacker Barrett Ruud's 15-yard fumble return against Oklahoma State. Senior linebacker Demorrio Williams nearly gave the Blackshirts their second score when he sacked Utah State quarterback Travis Cox, forced a fumble and recovered at the Aggie 1-yard line. Bullocks also came close to adding a defensive score for the Huskers with his 41-yard interception return at Southern Miss that started NU's ensuing drive at the USM 4. The Huskers have scored 54 points off opponent turnovers through five games, surpassing NU's 48 points off turnovers in 14 games in 2002. Opponents have converted just one of NU's 10 turnovers (six fumbles, four interceptions) into points. Penn State scored a touchdown after a Nebraska fumble in the second quarter. Along with Bullocks' five interceptions, sophomore cornerback Fabian Washington (PSU, TSU), junior cornerback Lornell McPherson (OSU), and senior free safety Jerrell Pippens (USM) have added interceptions on the year. Nebraska's 10 fumble recoveries have been provided by Barrett Ruud (3 - OSU, PSU, USM), Demorrio Williams (2 - USU, USM), Ryon Bingham (2 - OSU, USM), Titus Adams (2 - USU, TSU) and Washington (TSU). The Huskers have converted eight of their 11 fumble recoveries into points, including six touchdowns and two field goals. Ruud's three recoveries have resulted in 17 points, while Bingham's have resulted in 10 points, Washington's seven points, Williams' six points and Adams' three points.

Game	TOs		Scores		Turnovers	
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost, INT)	
OSU	5 (2/2 F/L, 3 INT)	2	0-0	14	2 (2/1 F/L, 1 INT)	
USU	3 (4/2 F/L, 1 INT)	1	1-1	9	2 (4/2 F/L, 0 INT)	
PSU	2 (2/1 F/L, 1 INT)	0	1-1	3	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	
USM	5 (3/3 F/L, 2 INT)	3	0-0	21	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)	
TSU	4 (3/2 F/L, 2 INT)	1	0-2	7	3 (4/2 F/L, 1 INT)	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19 (15/10 F/L, 9 INT)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>10 (15/6 F/L, 4 INT)</b>	
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>10 (15/6 F/L, 4 INT)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19 (15/10 F/L, 9 INT)</b>	

**Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (2)**

Nebraska produced its first single and double 100-yard rushing efforts by individuals with Josh Davis' 179 yards and Jammal Lord's 100 yards in the win over Penn State. For Davis, it was the first 100-yard rushing performance of his career and the most rushing yards by a Nebraska I-back since Dan Alexander rolled for 240 yards against Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 30, 2000. Josh also joined his father, Tony Davis, as the first father-son combination in NU history to produce 100-yard rushing games in their careers. Tony Davis unleashed seven regular-season 100-yard efforts and a pair of 100-yard bowl games in his career as a fullback and I-back from 1973 to 1975. Lord's 100-yard effort was the sixth of his career and the first of 2003. The Blackshirts have not allowed an opposing back to gain 100 yards. Oklahoma State's Tatum Bell managed 87 yards on 23 carries. Nebraska has not allowed a 100-yard game by an opposing back since Colorado's Brian Calhoun rushed for 137 yards on 20 carries on Nov. 29, 2002, a span of three games.

**Nebraska's Individual Rushing Games (2)**

**Penn State** - Josh Davis-32 att., 179 yards, 0 TD; Jammal Lord-20 att., 100 yards, 1 TD

**Starting Field Position**

Nebraska has enjoyed a dominant advantage in starting field position with NU's average drive starting at its own 42.2 yard line, while the opposition has started at its own 26.9 to give NU a plus-15.3-yard edge per drive. NU produced its most lopsided field position advantage with a plus-17.4-yard margin against Troy State. NU's best drive start came at the Utah State 1-yard line after Demorrio Williams forced and recovered a fumble. Nebraska has started four drives inside the opposing 20-yard line (not including Barrett Ruud's fumble return for a touchdown against OSU), while starting just four drives inside its own 20. NU has started 18 drives on the opponent's side of the field, including six drives on both the Southern Miss and Troy State half.

Nebraska senior punter Kyle Larson has buried opponents inside the 20 on 11 of 20 punts. Opponents have been forced to start 16 drives inside their own 20, including five starts inside the 20 by Oklahoma State. Southern Miss owned the worst starting field position by an opponent with a start at the USM 3, but the Golden Eagles also managed an opponent-best start at the NU 28. It is one of only five opposing drives that have started on NU's half of the field. Nebraska's worst start came at its own 11, occurring once against Oklahoma State, Utah State and Troy State.

	<u>NU Avg. Start</u>	<u>Opp. Avg. Start</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
<b>Oklahoma State</b>	39.7 (516/13)	24.8 (323/13)	+14.9
<b>Utah State</b>	43.8 (570/13)	26.5 (344/13)	+17.3
<b>Penn State</b>	36.6 (403/11)	25.4 (279/11)	+11.2
<b>Southern Miss</b>	43.9 (703/16)	29.3 (468/16)	+14.6
<b>Troy State</b>	<u>45.0 (675/15)</u>	<u>27.6 (441/16)</u>	<u>+17.4</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.2 (2,867/68)</b>	<b>26.9 (1,855/69)</b>	<b>+15.3</b>

Note: Total starting yard lines and total number of drives in parentheses.

**Penalty Numbers**

The Huskers were penalized a season-low 36 yards while matching their season with five penalties in the 30-0 win over Troy State on Oct. 4. The Huskers were also whistled for a season-low five penalties against Utah State. Penn State managed season lows with just one penalty for five yards against the Huskers. Troy State recorded opponent season highs with 13 penalties for 115 yards.

Game	<u>NU Pen.-Yds.</u>	<u>Opp. Pen.-Yds.</u>
<b>Oklahoma State</b>	9-75	8-63
<b>Utah State</b>	5-50	6-33
<b>Penn State</b>	7-47	1-5
<b>Southern Miss</b>	9-50	9-66
<b>Troy State</b>	<u>5-36</u>	<u>13-115</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>35-258</b>	<b>37-282</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>7.0-51.6</b>	<b>7.4-56.4</b>

**Husker Starting Experience**

(Regular Starters in boldface, includes bowl games)

<u>Offensive Starters</u>	'00	'01	'02	'03	Total
<b>Jake Andersen, RG, Jr. (Littleton, Colo.)</b>	-	0	0	4	4
<b>Judd Davies, FB, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	0	11	12	3	26
<b>Josh Davis, IB, Sr. (Loveland, Colo.)</b>	0	0	1	5	6
<b>Mike Erickson, LG, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	-	0	14	5	19
<b>Matt Herian, TE, So. (Pierce, Neb.)</b>	-	-	0	5	5
<b>Richie Incognito, LT, So. (Glendale, Ariz.)</b>	-	-	13	5	18
Brandon Koch, RG, So. (Gothenburg, Neb.)	-	-	0	1	1
Steve Kriewald, FB, Jr. (Scotia, Neb.)	-	2	1	0	3
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), So. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	1	3	4
Tim Liley, WR (Z), Sr. (Lakewood, Colo.)	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Jammal Lord, QB, Sr. (Bayonne, N.J.)</b>	0	0	14	5	19
Jack O'Holleran, WR (Z), Jr. (North Platte, Neb.)	-	-	0	1	1
Phil Peetz, TE, Sr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Ross Pilkington, WR (X), So. (Ft. Collins, Colo.)</b>	-	-	0	5	5
Nick Povendo, LT, Jr. (Keller, Texas)	-	0	2	0	2
Cory Ross, IB, So. (Denver, Colo.)	-	-	1	0	1
<b>Josh Sewell, C, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)</b>	-	0	0	5	5
<b>Dan Vili Waldrop, RT, Sr. (Wilmington, Calif.)</b>	0	13	13	5	31
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>153</b>

Defensive Starters

	'00	'01	'02	'03	Total
Titus Adams, LDE, So. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	0	1	1
Willie Amos, FS, Jr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	0	6	-	0	6
<b>Ryon Bingham, NT, Sr. (Sandy, Utah)</b>	0	0	14	4	18
<b>Philip Bland, FS, Jr. (Lafayette, Colo.)</b>	-	3	13	4	20
Daniel Bullocks, SS, So. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	-	-	1	1	2
<b>Josh Bullocks, FS, So. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)</b>	-	-	5	5	10
Ira Cooper, Buck, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	0	1	0	1
<b>T.J. Hollowell, Buck, Sr. (Copperas Cove, Texas)</b>	0	0	2	5	7
Lannie Hopkins, Will, Jr. (Rowlett, Texas)	-	0	1	0	1
<b>Trevor Johnson, RDE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)</b>	0	0	9	5	14
Patrick Kabongo, NT, Sr. (Montreal, Quebec)	0	0	7	1	8
Jason Lohr, DT/NT, Sr. (Tulsa, Okla.)	11	3	0	0	14
Lornell McPherson, RCB, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	3	4	0	7
<b>Pat Ricketts, RCB, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	0	2	8	5	15
<b>Barrett Ruud, MIKE, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.)</b>	-	0	14	5	19
Shane Siegel, SS, So. (Grand Island, Neb.)	-	-	1	0	1
<b>Le Kevin Smith, DT, So. (Macon, Ga.)</b>	-	-	0	4	4
<b>Benard Thomas, LDE, Jr. (East Palo Alto, Calif.)</b>	0	0	-	5	5
<b>Fabian Washington, LCB, So. (Bradenton, Fla.)</b>	-	-	11	5	16
<b>Demorrio Williams, WILL, Sr. (Beckville, Texas)</b>	=	=	11	5	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>185</b>

Starting Kickers

	'00	'01	'02	'03	Total
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, Jr. (Niagara Falls, Ontario)	0	4	0	2	6
David Dyches, PK, Fr. (Spring, Texas)	-	-	-	3	3
Dale Endorf, PK, Sr. (Wichita, Kan.)	-	-	1	0	1
<b>Kyle Larson, P, Sr. (Funk, Neb.)</b>	0	13	14	5	32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>42</b>

**Starters Briefly**

- Starts by True Freshmen:** 3
- Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts:** 17
- Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts:** 18
- Number of Defensive Players with Career Starts:** 20
- Most Career Starts on Offense:** Dan Vili Waldrop, RT (31)
- Most Career Starts on Defense:** Philip Bland, FS (20)
- Most Consecutive Starts on Offense:** Mike Erickson and Jammal Lord (19)
- Most Consecutive Starts on Defense:** Barrett Ruud (19)

# 2003 Nebraska Depth Chart (Sept. 30, 2003)

## Offense

WR (X): 2 **Ross Pilkington\***, 6-0, 190, So., Ft. Collins, Colo.  
 28 Isaiah Fluellen, 6-0, 180, RFr., Ramstein, Germany  
 19 Andy Birkel, 6-2, 170, Fr., Lincoln, Neb.  
 84 Grant Mulkey, 5-11, 185, RFr., Arlington, Texas

LT: 51 **RICHIE INCOGNITO\***, 6-3, 310, So., Glendale, Ariz.  
 69 **Nick Povendo\***, 6-3, 300, Jr., Keller, Texas

LG: 78 **MIKE ERICKSON\*\***, 6-4, 300, Jr., Omaha, Neb.  
 72 Tim Green, 6-4, 320, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

C: 79 **Josh Sewell\***, 6-2, 300, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.  
 64 Kurt Mann, 6-3, 290, RFr., Grand Island, Neb.

RG: 71 **Jake Andersen\***, 6-1, 300, Jr., Littleton, Colo.  
 75 Brandon Koch, 6-3, 305, So., Gothenburg, Neb.  
 65 Greg Austin, 6-1, 285, Fr., Cypress, Texas

RT: 68 **DAN VILI WALDROP\*\*\***, 6-5, 350, Sr., Wilmington, Calif.  
 67 **Darren DeLone**, 6-5, 320, Jr., Pomona, Calif.

-OR- 76 **Chris Loos\*\***, 6-3, 290, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.

TE (Y): 11 **Matt Herian\***, 6-5, 235, So., Pierce, Neb.  
 82 **Phil Peetz\*\***, 6-2, 250, Sr., Elkhorn, Neb.  
 47 Dusty Keiser, 6-3, 245, Jr., Norfolk, Neb.

QB: 5 **JAMMAL LORD\*\*\***, 6-2, 220, Sr., Bayonne, N.J.  
 12 Joe Dailey, 6-0, 200, Fr., Jersey City, N.J.  
 17 Garth Glissman, 6-5, 215, So., Lincoln, Neb.

FB: 4 **JUDD DAVIES\*\*\***, 6-0, 245, Sr., Omaha, Neb.  
 45 **Steve Kriewald\*\***, 5-10, 245, Jr., Scotia, Neb.  
 41 Dane Todd, 5-10, 235, RFr., Lincoln, Neb.

IB: 1 **Josh Davis\*\***, 5-11, 200, Sr., Loveland Colo.  
 9 **David Horne\***, 6-0, 200, So., Omaha, Neb.

-OR- 22 **Cory Ross\***, 5-6, 200, So., Denver, Colo.

WR (Z): 10 **Mark LeFlore\***, 5-11, 190, So., Omaha, Neb.  
 -OR- 13 **Tim Liley\***, 6-2, 205, Sr., Lakewood, Colo.  
 24 Jack O'Holleran, 5-10, 205, Jr., North Platte, Neb.  
 3 **Ben Zajicek\*\***, 6-0, 210, Jr., Beatrice, Neb.

## Specialists

P: 19 **KYLE LARSON\*\***, 6-0, 205, Sr., Funk, Neb. (14)  
 37 Sam Koch, 6-1, 230, So., Seward, Neb.

PK: 27 David Dyches, 6-1, 190, Fr., Spring, Texas  
 22 **Sandro DeAngelis\***, 5-8, 190, Jr., Niagara Falls, Ontario

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 -OR- 27 David Dyches, 6-1, 190, Fr., Spring, Texas

HOLD: 29 Kellen Huston, 5-11, 200, Jr., Ankeny, Iowa  
 2 **Ross Pilkington\***, 6-0, 190, So., Ft. Collins, Colo.

LSNAP: 51 **Richie Incognito\***, 6-3, 310, So., Glendale, Ariz.  
 92 Lane Kelly, 6-4, 235, Fr., Omaha, Neb.

SSNAP: 92 Lane Kelly, 6-4, 235, Fr., Omaha, Neb.  
 69 **Nick Povendo\***, 6-3, 300, Jr., Keller, Texas

KOR: 1 **Josh Davis\*\***, 5-11, 200, Sr., Loveland, Colo.  
 22 **Cory Ross\***, 5-6, 200, So., Denver, Colo.

PR: 1 **Josh Davis\*\***, 5-11, 200, Sr., Loveland, Colo.  
 22 **Cory Ross\***, 5-6, 200, So., Denver, Colo.

## Defense

LDE: 5 **Benard Thomas\*\***, 6-4, 255, Jr., East Palo Alto, Calif.  
 96 **Titus Adams\***, 6-3, 275, So., Omaha, Neb.  
 34 Stewart Bradley, 6-4, 245, RFr., Salt Lake City, Utah

NT: 59 **RYON BINGHAM\*\***, 6-3, 295, Sr., Sandy, Utah  
 94 **PATRICK KABONGO\*\*\***, 6-6, 315, Sr., Montreal, Quebec  
 70 **Jason Lohr\*\*\***, 6-2, 275, Sr., Tulsa, Okla.  
 99 Brandon Greeson, 6-3, 295, RFr., High Point, N.C.

DT: 66 **Le Kevin Smith\***, 6-2, 305, So., Macon, Ga.  
 74 Brandon Teamer, 6-5, 270, Fr., Omaha, Neb.  
 97 **Seppo Ewvaraye\***, 6-5, 310, So., Laurel, Neb.  
 73 Jared Helming, 6-3, 290, So., Springfield, Mo.

RDE: 88 **TREVOR JOHNSON\*\*\***, 6-4, 250, Sr., Lincoln, Neb.  
 90 Adam Carriker, 6-6, 260, RFr., Kennewick, Wash.  
 50 Jeff McBride, 6-4, 240, Jr., Brule, Neb.

BUCK: 2 **T.J. Hollowell\*\*\***, 6-0, 220, Sr., Copperas Cove, Texas  
 11 **Ira Cooper\*\***, 6-2, 235, Jr., Omaha, Neb.

MIKE: 38 **BARRETT RUUD\*\***, 6-2, 235, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.  
 54 **Chad Sievers\***, 6-3, 215, Jr., Valley, Neb.

-OR- 11 **Ira Cooper\*\***, 6-2, 235, Jr., Omaha, Neb.  
 42 **Steve Safranek\*\***, 6-1, 230, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

WILL: 7 **DEMORRIO WILLIAMS\***, 6-1, 215, Sr., Beckville, Texas  
 39 **Chad Buller\***, 5-11, 215, Sr., Henderson, Neb.  
 40 **Lannie Hopkins\***, 6-2, 215, Jr., Rowlett, Texas

LCB: 3 **FABIAN WASHINGTON\***, 5-11, 175, So., Bradenton, Fla.  
 4 **Terrell Butler\***, 5-10, 185, Sr. Austell, Ga.

-OR- 27 **Willie Amos\*\***, 6-0, 185, Jr., Sweetwater, Texas

FS: 20 **JOSH BULLOCKS\***, 6-0, 195, So., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 31 **Jerrell Pippens\*\*\***, 6-2, 195, Sr., Philadelphia, Pa.

SS: 21 **PHILIP BLAND\*\***, 5-11, 200, Jr., Lafayette, Colo.  
 -OR- 14 **Daniel Bullocks\***, 6-1, 195, So., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 23 **Shane Siegel\***, 6-2, 210, So., Grand Island, Neb.

RCB: 28 **PAT RICKETTS\*\*\***, 5-11, 180, Sr., Omaha, Neb.  
 -OR- 1 **Lornell McPherson\*\***, 5-9, 175, Jr., Omaha, Neb.  
 6 Donald DeFrاند, 6-0, 170, So., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Injured  
 PK 32 **Dale Endorf**, 6-0, 210, Sr., Wichita, Kan.

## Key

\*indicates letters earned

### Returning lettermen in bold

Returning starters in all CAPS with

-OR- means a starter has not been determined

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 Nebraska Game Results (as of Oct 06, 2003)  
 All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conference Record	Time	Attend
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* Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE	W 17-7	1- 0- 0	1- 0- 0	3:12	78058
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE	W 31-7	2- 0- 0	1- 0- 0	3:04	77284
Sep 13, 2003	PENN STATE	W 18-10	3- 0- 0	1- 0- 0	3:01	78008
Sept. 25	at Southern Miss	W 38-14	4- 0- 0	1- 0- 0	3:24	36125
Oct 04, 2003	TROY STATE	W 30-0	5- 0- 0	1- 0- 0	2:59	77825

\* indicates conference game

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TEAM STATISTICS	NU	OPP
SCORING.....	134	38
Points Per Game.....	26.8	7.6
FIRST DOWNS.....	90	67
Rushing.....	65	25
Passing.....	19	39
Penalty.....	6	3
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	1205	364
Yards gained rushing.....	1346	513
Yards lost rushing.....	141	149
Rushing Attempts.....	293	147
Average Per Rush.....	4.1	2.5
Average Per Game.....	241.0	72.8
TDs Rushing.....	11	2
PASSING YARDAGE.....	554	729
Att-Comp-Int.....	69-39-4	161-75-9
Average Per Pass.....	8.0	4.5
Average Per Catch.....	14.2	9.7
Average Per Game.....	110.8	145.8
TDs Passing.....	3	3
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	1759	1093
Total Plays.....	362	308
Average Per Play.....	4.9	3.5
Average Per Game.....	351.8	218.6
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	5-129	18-390
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	22-237	7-70
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	9-78	4-29
KICK RETURN AVERAGE.....	25.8	21.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE.....	10.8	10.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE.....	8.7	7.2
FUMBLES-LOST.....	15-6	14-10
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	35-258	37-282
Average Per Game.....	51.6	56.4
PUNTS-YARDS.....	20-843	35-1453
Average Per Punt.....	42.2	41.5
Net punt average.....	38.7	34.7
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME.....	34:26	25:34
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	30/78	24/70
3rd-Down Pct.....	38%	34%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	5/8	1/4
4th-Down Pct.....	62%	25%
SACKS BY-YARDS.....	13-100	5-25
MISC YARDS.....	24	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.....	15	5
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS.....	11-16	1-3
PAT-ATTEMPTS.....	11-13	5-5
ATTENDANCE.....	311175	36125
Games/Avg Per Game.....	4/77794	1/36125

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Nebraska.....	32	22	60	20	- 134
Opponents.....	14	17	0	7	- 38

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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Davis, Josh	5	85	426	9	417	4.9	0	42	83.4
Lord, Jammal	5	90	427	87	340	3.8	5	27	68.0
Horne, David	5	51	204	6	198	3.9	2	20	39.6
Dailey, Joe	3	14	87	11	76	5.4	0	23	25.3
Ross, Cory	5	20	65	2	63	3.2	1	10	12.6
Davies, Judd	5	16	44	0	44	2.8	2	15	8.8
Miller, Robin	4	4	51	7	44	11.0	1	47	11.0
LeFlore, Mark	5	1	21	0	21	21.0	0	21	4.2
Fluellen, I.	3	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	10	3.7
Kriewald, Steve	5	3	6	0	6	2.0	0	4	1.2
Todd, Dane	2	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	2.0
TEAM	5	6	0	19	-19	-3.2	0	0	-3.8
Total.....	5	293	1346	141	1205	4.1	11	47	241.0
Opponents.....	5	147	513	149	364	2.5	2	17	72.8

PASSING	GP	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Lord, Jammal	5	123.48	60-33-3	55.0	482	2	77	96.4
Dailey, Joe	3	148.31	9-6-1	66.7	72	1	21	24.0
Total.....	5	126.72	69-39-4	56.5	554	3	77	110.8
Opponents.....	5	79.59	161-75-9	46.6	729	3	41	145.8

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Herian, Matt	5	12	246	20.5	1	77	49.2
Pilkington, R.	5	12	175	14.6	1	44	35.0
LeFlore, Mark	5	6	41	6.8	0	12	8.2
Davis, Josh	5	3	23	7.7	0	12	4.6
Davies, Judd	5	3	16	5.3	0	12	3.2
Fluellen, I.	3	1	43	43.0	1	43	14.3
Horne, David	5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
Liley, Tim	5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
Total.....	5	39	554	14.2	3	77	110.8
Opponents.....	5	75	729	9.7	3	41	145.8

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Davis, Josh	20	193	9.6	0	30
Ross, Cory	2	44	22.0	0	30
Total.....	22	237	10.8	0	30
Opponents.....	7	70	10.0	0	37

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Bullocks, Josh	5	64	12.8	0	41
Washington, F.	2	14	7.0	0	14
Pippens, J.	1	0	0.0	0	0
McPherson, L.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	9	78	8.7	0	41
Opponents.....	4	29	7.2	0	16

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Davis, Josh	4	121	30.2	0	40
Sievers, Chad	1	8	8.0	0	8
Total.....	5	129	25.8	0	40
Opponents.....	18	390	21.7	0	46

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ruud, Barrett	1	15	15.0	1	15
Bingham, Ryon	1	3	3.0	0	3
Adams, Titus	1	6	6.0	0	6
Total.....	3	24	8.0	1	15
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

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SCORING	----- PATs -----								
	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Dyches, David	0	10-13	9-9	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	39
Lord, Jammal	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Davies, Judd	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Horne, David	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Ross, Cory	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Herian, Matt	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Pilkington, R.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Miller, Robin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Fluellen, I.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ruud, Barrett	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
DeAngelis, S.	0	1-3	2-3	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	5
TEAM	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
Davis, Josh	0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....	15	11-16	11-13	0-2	0	0-0	0	0	134
Opponents.....	5	1-3	5-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	38

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Lord, Jammal	5	150	340	482	822	164.4
Davis, Josh	5	85	417	0	417	83.4
Horne, David	5	51	198	0	198	39.6
Dailey, Joe	3	23	76	72	148	49.3
Ross, Cory	5	20	63	0	63	12.6
Miller, Robin	4	4	44	0	44	11.0
Davies, Judd	5	16	44	0	44	8.8
LeFlore, Mark	5	1	21	0	21	4.2
Fluellen, I.	3	2	11	0	11	3.7
Kriewald, Steve	5	3	6	0	6	1.2
Todd, Dane	2	1	4	0	4	2.0
TEAM	5	6	-19	0	-19	-3.8
Total.....	5	362	1205	554	1759	351.8
Opponents.....	5	308	364	729	1093	218.6

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
DeAngelis, S.	1-3	33.3	0-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	28	1
Dyches, David	10-13	76.9	0-0	4-5	3-5	3-3	0-0	41	1

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Larson, Kyle	20	843	42.2	71	1	6	11	0
Total.....	20	843	42.2	71	1	6	11	0
Opponents.....	35	1453	41.5	70	4	0	3	0

FG SEQUENCE	Nebraska	OPPONENTS
Oklahoma State	(28),34,33	43
Utah State	(23),(20),(29),(26)	47
Penn State	(36),(35),(41),34,(32)	(47)
Southern Miss	(40)	-
Troy State	(40),29,33	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Davis, Josh	5	417	23	193	121	0	754	150.8
Lord, Jammal	5	340	0	0	0	0	340	68.0
Herian, Matt	5	0	246	0	0	0	246	49.2
Horne, David	5	198	5	0	0	0	203	40.6
Pilkington, R.	5	0	175	0	0	0	175	35.0
Ross, Cory	5	63	0	44	0	0	107	21.4
Dailey, Joe	3	76	0	0	0	0	76	25.3
Bullocks, Josh	5	0	0	0	0	64	64	12.8
LeFlore, Mark	5	21	41	0	0	0	62	12.4
Davies, Judd	5	44	16	0	0	0	60	12.0
Fluellen, I.	3	11	43	0	0	0	54	18.0
Miller, Robin	4	44	0	0	0	0	44	11.0
Washington, F.	5	0	0	0	0	14	14	2.8
Sievers, Chad	5	0	0	0	8	0	8	1.6
Kriewald, Steve	5	6	0	0	0	0	6	1.2
Liley, Tim	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.0
Todd, Dane	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	2.0
TEAM	5	-19	0	0	0	0	-19	-3.8
Total.....	5	1205	554	237	129	78	2203	440.6
Opponents.....	5	364	729	70	390	29	1582	316.4

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 Nebraska Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Oct 06, 2003)  
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DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----				-Sacks-		---Pass Def---			-Fumbles-		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf	
7 Williams, Dem.	5	31	17	48	8.0-39	5.5-35	.	2	5	2-0	2	.	.	
38 Ruud, Barrett	5	17	27	44	3.0-13	1.5-12	.	3	3	3-15	2	.	.	
3 Washington, F.	5	19	13	32	2.0-3	.	2-14	5	2	1-0	.	.	.	
2A Hollowell, T.J.	5	16	12	28	2.0-17	1.0-10	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	
88 Johnson, Trevor	5	9	12	21	4.0-16	2.0-15	.	1	3	.	1	.	.	
5A Thomas, Benard	5	8	11	19	2.0-3	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	
14 Bullocks, D.	5	7	9	16	2.0-2	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	
20 Bullocks, Josh	5	6	10	16	.	.	5-64	3	2	.	.	.	.	
31 Pippens, J.	5	8	7	15	2.0-9	1.0-7	1-0	1	2	.	1	.	.	
94 Kabongo, P.	5	5	10	15	1.0-0	.	.	2	3	.	.	.	.	
39 Buller, Chad	5	8	5	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
66 Smith, Le Kevin	5	4	8	12	3.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
96 Adams, Titus	5	4	8	12	.	.	.	1	2-6	.	.	.	.	
28 Ricketts, Pat	5	8	4	12	1.0-2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	
1A McPherson, L.	5	7	4	11	1.0-11	1.0-11	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.	
59 Bingham, Ryon	4	4	7	11	1.0-1	.	.	1	2-3	.	1	.	.	
54 Sievers, Chad	5	6	4	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
21 Bland, Philip	5	4	3	7	1.0-3	.	.	3	1	.	.	.	.	
17 Brungardt, Mark	5	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
23 Siegel, Shane	5	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
3E Bradley, S.	5	3	2	5	2.0-3	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	
74 Teamer, Brandon	5	.	4	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
1B Cooper, Ira	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
47 Keiser, Dusty	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
70 Lohr, Jason	2	.	2	2	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
4A Butler, Terrell	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	
27 Amos, Willie	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
8A Shanle, Andrew	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
29 Huston, Kellen	5	1	1	2	1.0-10	1.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
35 Tomasevicz, C.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
2 Pilkington, R.	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
73 Helming, Jared	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
51 Incognito, R.	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
97 Ewvaraye, Seppo	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
11 Herian, Matt	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
1K Thorne, Fred	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
2C DeAngelis, S.	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
71 Andersen, Jake	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Total.....	5	195	190	385	37-143	13-100	9-78	29	35	10-24	6	1	.	
Opponents.....	5	203	230	433	29-102	5-25	4-29	5	.	6-0	2	2	.	

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**TEAM**

Date	Opponent	---RUSHING---				--RECEIVING--				-----PASSING-----				--KICK RET--				--PUNT RET--				All Purp		
		No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds		TD	Lg
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	65	268	1	27	8	78	0	33	16	8	1	78	0	33	1	32	0	32	3	30	0	17	408
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	64	273	3	23	12	132	0	39	17	12	0	132	0	39	2	38	0	30	4	58	0	30	501
Sep 13, 2003	PENN STATE.....	72	337	1	42	4	60	0	26	6	4	1	60	0	26	0	0	0	0	6	58	0	26	455
Sept. 25	at Southern Miss.....	45	141	3	47	6	124	2	44	15	6	1	124	2	44	2	59	0	40	4	42	0	15	407
Oct 04, 2003	TROY STATE.....	47	186	3	20	9	160	1	77	15	9	1	160	1	77	0	0	0	0	5	49	0	30	432
Totals.....		293	1205	11	47	39	554	3	77	69	39	4	554	3	77	5	129	0	40	22	237	0	30	2203
Opponent.....		147	364	2	17	75	729	3	41	161	75	9	729	3	41	18	390	0	46	7	70	0	37	1582

Games played: 5  
 Avg per rush: 4.1  
 Avg per catch: 14.2  
 Pass efficiency: 126.72  
 Kick ret avg: 25.8  
 Punt ret avg: 10.8  
 All purpose avg/game: 440.6  
 Total offense avg/gm: 351.8

Date	Opponent	-----TACKLES-----			-SACKS-		-FUMBLE-		Pass Blkd			-Kicks--XPTS-				Pts							
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Yds	No	Yds	FF	FR	Yds	Int	Yds	QBH	Brk		Kick	Att	Mad	Run	Rcv	Saf	
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	35	34	69	4.0	14	1.0	7	1	2	18	3	0	6	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	17
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	38	33	71	5.0	38	4.0	37	3	2	0	1	0	7	7	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	31
Sep 13, 2003	PENN STATE.....	31	29	60	5.0	12	0.0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Sept. 25	at Southern Miss.....	50	47	97	7.0	20	2.0	14	0	3	0	2	41	9	8	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	38
Oct 04, 2003	TROY STATE.....	41	47	88	16.0	59	6.0	42	2	2	6	2	37	7	4	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	30
Totals.....		195	190	385	37.0	143	13.0	100	6	10	24	9	78	35	29	1	13	11	0	0	0	0	134
Opponent.....		203	230	433	29.0	102	5.0	25	2	6	0	4	29	0	5	2	5	5	0	0	0	0	38

Date	Opponent	-----PUNTING-----										--FIELD GOALS--		
		No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20	Att	Made	Lg	Blkd
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	5	181	36.2	47	0	0	1	0	2	3	1	28	1
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	3	131	43.7	54	0	0	1	1	1	4	4	29	0
Sep 13, 2003	PENN STATE.....	2	64	32.0	36	0	0	2	0	2	5	4	41	1
Sept. 25	at Southern Miss.....	7	333	47.6	67	0	1	0	2	3	1	1	40	0
Oct 04, 2003	TROY STATE.....	3	134	44.7	71	0	0	2	1	3	3	1	40	0
Totals.....		20	843	42.2	71	0	1	6	4	11	16	11	41	2
Opponent.....		35	1453	41.5	70	0	4	0	4	3	3	1	47	1

**The Automated ScoreBook**  
**Nebraska Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Oct 06, 2003)**  
**All games**

**OPPONENT STATS**

Date	Opponent	---RUSHING---				--RECEIVING--				-----PASSING-----				--KICK RET--				--PUNT RET--				All Purp		
		No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds		TD	Lg
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	30	86	0	15	13	97	1	28	28	13	3	97	1	28	3	89	0	46	2	9	0	5	281
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	23	60	0	17	17	178	1	41	35	17	1	178	1	41	5	106	0	43	2	12	0	8	356
Sep 13, 2003	PENN STATE.....	21	44	1	13	16	159	0	31	33	16	1	159	0	31	3	52	0	18	0	0	0	0	268
Sept. 25	at Southern Miss.....	36	108	1	17	18	211	1	30	42	18	2	211	1	30	5	112	0	33	3	49	0	37	496
Oct 04, 2003	TROY STATE.....	37	66	0	17	11	84	0	17	23	11	2	84	0	17	2	31	0	27	0	0	0	0	181
Opponent totals.....		147	364	2	17	75	729	3	41	161	75	9	729	3	41	18	390	0	46	7	70	0	37	1582
Nebraska.....		293	1205	11	47	39	554	3	77	69	39	4	554	3	77	5	129	0	40	22	237	0	30	2203

Games played: 5  
 Avg per rush: 2.5  
 Avg per catch: 9.7  
 Pass efficiency: 79.59  
 Kick ret avg: 21.7  
 Punt ret avg: 10.0  
 All purpose avg/game: 316.4  
 Total offense avg/gm: 218.6

Date	Opponent	-----TACKLES-----			-SACKS-		-FUMBLE-		Pass Blkd			-Kicks--XPTS-				Pts	
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	Brk	Kick	Att-Mad	Run	Rcv		Saf
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	44	52	96	5.0-25	0.0-0	0	1-0	1-0	0	0	1	1-1	0	0	0	7
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	45	48	93	6.0-17	0.0-0	0	2-0	0-0	0	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	7
Sep 13, 2003	PENN STATE.....	43	64	107	3.0-9	0.0-0	2	1-0	1-13	0	0	1	1-1	0	0	0	10
Sept. 25	at Southern Miss.....	32	36	68	14.0-49	5.0-25	0	0-0	1-16	0	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	14
Oct 04, 2003	TROY STATE.....	39	30	69	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	2-0	1-0	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Opponent totals.....		203	230	433	29.0-102	5.0-25	2	6-0	4-29	0	5	2	5-5	0	0	0	38
Nebraska.....		195	190	385	37.0-143	13.0-100	6	10-24	9-78	35	29	1	13-11	0	0	0	134

Date	Opponent	-----PUNTING-----								--FIELD GOALS--			
		No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20	Att-Made	Lg	Blkd
Aug 30, 2003	OKLAHOMA STATE.....	5	242	48.4	70	0	1	0	2	1	1-0	0	1
Sept 6, 2003	UTAH STATE.....	7	260	37.1	49	0	1	0	0	0	1-0	0	0
Sep 13, 2003	PENN STATE.....	6	244	40.7	45	0	0	0	0	1	1-1	47	0
Sept. 25	at Southern Miss.....	7	292	41.7	56	0	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0
Oct 04, 2003	TROY STATE.....	10	415	41.5	53	0	1	0	1	1	0-0	0	0
Opponent totals.....		35	1453	41.5	70	0	4	0	4	3	3-1	47	1
Nebraska.....		20	843	42.2	71	0	1	6	4	11	16-11	41	2